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## Veterans' Services Benefit Night

Wilmington's Veterans' Services Benefit Night guest speaker Sergeant Seth Bai, Director of Veterans' Services Newton with Wilmington's Vets Services Director Lou Cimaglia, Peter D'Antonio (one of the Marines that helped with the Traveling Vietnam Wall) and Greg Bendel, Chairman of the Wilmington Board of Selectmen. The Benefit Night was held at the Wilmington Masonic Hall. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

## 'The Road to the Vote' goes to the Tewksbury Public Library

By CASEY STEVENSON  
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — Sponsored and hosted by the Tewksbury Public Library, The Boston Women's Heritage Trail marched into Tewksbury on March 5,

2020, at 7 p.m. to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote.

Catherine Dibble went to the library on the behalf of the organization, and gave a presentation titled "Road to the Vote; The Boston

Women's Suffrage Trail. A Project of the Boston Women's Heritage Trail."

Dibble began her presentation by elaborating on how the BWHT was called to founding. 31 years ago, a Boston Public Schools teacher took her students

on a tour of historic statues in the city. At the end of the tour, one of the girls asked her teacher:

"Where are the women?" As an individual who worked at the Boston Public Library, this story was one that resonated with

her deeply, which caused her to join the Trail.

The BWHT also draws inspiration from Abigail Adams, and the letter she sent to her husband, future president John, that urged him to "remember the ladies, and be more

generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular

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## School start times reexamined

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington students may be seeing a shift in class start times in the years ahead.

The School Start Time Committee provided an update on progress and future scheduling to the Wilmington School Committee on Feb. 26. The Start Time Committee was represented by Jonathan Merenda of the Communication and Outreach Subcommittee, Bonnie Gorassi of the Research and Education Subcommittee and Kevin Welch of the Option Development Subcommittee.

Superintendent of Schools Glenn Brand gave an overview of committee objectives and goals. According to Brand, the Middlesex League has been working to adjust start times, especially at the secondary level, to be more in line with what scientific research indicates is optimal sleep scheduling for

adolescents.

As a result, Brand says, communities including Arlington, Burlington, Melrose, Watertown, and Winchester have all recently modified start times.

"The time is upon us as a community to explore this issue," said Brand.

According to Brand, a final report will be delivered to the School Committee on May 13.

"It's not meant to be a dissertation, it won't be," he said.

He added that it will present multiple options, each with their own implications. These options could include bus routes, cost, elementary school start times, and secondary school start times.

"Once this report is delivered to you, it's with intention that there's time to gather more information, more feedback, more perspective before any kind of final decision is made," he said.

Brand added that the summer will be focused on outreach, with a final vote in October of 2020 and the new start times chosen slated to go into effect for the 2020 school year.

School Committee member David Ragsdale added that the district would benefit from beginning the

## McQuilken's campaign for change for the 6th District

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

BEVERLY — Democratic candidate Angus McQuilken kicked off his campaign for a seat in Congress for Massachusetts' 6th district last Saturday, March 7 in Beverly.

McQuilken is running for the seat held by fellow Democrat Seth Moulton for the primary election on Sept. 1 and hopefully the general election in November.

His campaign goals are to bring action and attention to the safety, economic opportunity, and quality of life for the people in the 6th district from Washington D.C.

McQuilken graduated with his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1992. It was after he graduated college that he co-founded the Young Democrats of Massachusetts.

He served as Chief of Staff for Mass. State Senator Cheryl Jacques for more than a decade before moving into managing advocacy programs for Planned Parenthood. He's proud to have worked on and built coalitions leading sup-

port for legislation to protect marriage equality and access to women's healthcare.

McQuilken's next position fell in the leadership team at the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.

"I had the opportunity to be part of the team that implemented Deval Patrick's Life Sciences Initiative," he said. "That initiative played an important role in Massachusetts becoming a world leader in life sciences and brought thousands of jobs to our state and to the 6th district."

After that, he took steps toward his current role managing business development for life sciences practices at a global law firm. More recently, he joined Lasell University's Communications Department as an adjunct professor. However, his first and most important job right now is being a father to his four children between the ages of 9 and 17.

The most relevant experience that he brings into his candidacy, he says, is three decades of advocacy.

"I've spent the past 30 years building coalitions

of people who care about change, leading campaigns for the passage of legislation making a difference in people's lives here in Massachusetts."

McQuilken co-founded the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, which he said is the state's leading advocacy organization working to ensure that Massachusetts has the strongest and most effective gun laws in the nation.

This Congressional candidate's stance on gun violence is closely connected to his work for the coalition. McQuilken mentioned that he wants to bring Massachusetts' gun laws to the entire country at the federal level.

"In Massachusetts, we have one of the lowest gun death rates in the nation... at the federal level, there's been little to no progress in this issue for more than a decade."

With lack of progress, he feels, comes unnecessary death and psychological toll on young people. He believes that this state needs a leader who won't take no for an answer on effective national gun laws.

His next two priorities

in his six priorities for the 6th district are the climate and healthcare crises.

"We have a president who wants to pretend that climate change is a hoax and doesn't believe in science."

While recognizing the urgency of declining resources, McQuilken sees the opportunity for Massachusetts to develop technologies which would contribute to climate change efforts and at the same time create more jobs.

In healthcare, he wants to focus on affordability, access, and quality of care.

"We also need to ensure that access to women's healthcare isn't compromised by politics. Women's healthcare shouldn't be debated in our Supreme Court."

He emphasized the need for greater federal oversight into quality of care in senior care facilities, as well.

There's also room in McQuilken's six priorities for investing in transportation alternatives.

"If we want people to get out of their cars, both to reduce traffic

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## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

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#### Upcoming Events

Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Adult programs are recommended for those 16 years of age and older. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for program funding support!

#### Community Health and Wellness Fair

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Wilmington Knights of Columbus  
Spring into wellness! Local businesses and organizations specializing in mental and physical wellness will be on hand to answer questions and showcase their products/services. Complimentary health screenings, demonstrations, giveaways, prize drawings, and more. Free to the public — all welcome! Provided in collab-

oration with the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Wilmington Elderly Services; partially funded with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

#### Healthy Aging - Music History Series \*RR

Monday, March 16, 2:30 p.m.

Teacher and vocalist Nanette Perotte leads this two-part series through the jazz age.

Jazz — In the beginning there was Satchmo  
Louis Armstrong — grandson of slaves, iconic trumpeter and vocalist brings jazz from the brothels of New Orleans to the bright lights of New York City.

#### Birth of the Cool — Big Band swings into Bebop \*RR

Monday, March 30, 2:30 p.m.

The Bebop movement

originated during the early 1940s in the playing of trumpeters Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis and saxophonist Charlie Parker. There was a strong group of vocalists who made a mark in the style as well such as Sarah Vaughan.

Brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

#### Current Affairs Discussion Group \*RR

Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.

This group is for all who would like to broaden their knowledge of current national and international affairs. You will have the opportunity to discuss topical events and learn from others. Led by facilitator Dan Hall.

#### Irish Music with The McMurphy's \*RR

Thursday, March 19, 2:30 p.m.

For over 25 years, the McMurphy duo has played at many venues up and down the East Coast led by guitarist Jay Murphy and percussionist Wally Welch. Sit back, relax and enjoy this concert of Irish favorites. Brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

#### Kids & Teen Events

#### Community Helpers Storytime: Animal Control Officer

Friday, March 13, 10 a.m.

Come meet Animal Control Officer Chris Sullivan and listen as he reads books and talks about his work with animals in Wilmington. Space is limited. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

#### MCBA Middle Grade Book Club Voting Party \*RR

Friday, March 13, 3:45 p.m.

If you have read at least 5 books on the MCBA list, come to this party to vote for your favorite and enjoy some snacks. Grades 4-6

#### Kids Craft:

#### Constellation Lantern \*RR

Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m.

This craft is led by 3 Wilmington High School students. Grades 1-5

#### Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, March 14, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? Join DM Alex for a campaign! Grades 6-12

#### Writing Sprints \*RR

Saturday, March 14, 3 - 5 p.m.

Write in the quiet comfort of the library in the company of other writers. Grades 9-12

#### Little Movers \*RR

Monday, March 16, 10 a.m.

Let's move! Join us for a morning of singing, dancing, and moving around! Ages 1-2

#### Sun Catchers Mosaic Tile Workshop \*RR

Tuesday, March 17, 4:30 p.m.

Make a mosaic tile sun catcher in this workshop with Leslie from Ways of Color. Grades 1-5

#### Art After Dark:

#### Mosaic Tiles \*RR

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 -

8 p.m.

Led by Leslie Doherty of Ways of Color, create a perfectly imperfect stained glass mosaic tile. No experience necessary, all materials provided. Grades 6-12

#### Crafternoons:

#### Crochet Basics \*RR

Wednesday, March 18, 3:45 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of crochet: a chain stitch, slip stitch, and single crochet that will have you practicing granny squares in no time. Hook and yarn provided, or bring your own. Grades 4-8

#### Wild about Turtles! \*RR

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.

Are you wild about turtles? Enjoy live box turtles, aquatic turtles, and more during this educational program that includes storytelling, singing, movement, and creative arts! Ages 4+

#### First Look Book Group \*RR

Thursday, March 19, 2:30 p.m.

Want to discover the next big thing in YA lit? First Look is for you! Hang out with other teen fiction aficionados, eat snacks, and read books hot off the presses! Choose a book to keep at every meeting. Grades 6-12

## Baker-Polito Administration awards grants for local watershed groups to monitor water quality

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration today awarded \$154,145 in funding to 14 watershed monitoring groups across the Commonwealth to help them test rivers, lakes and ponds, and coastal resources for bacteria. The Water Quality Monitoring Grant program is being offered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) for a second year to support watershed groups with baseline mon-

itoring program activities and to help those groups build sampling capabilities. This grant program is part of a \$450,000 increase in state funding that will be dedicated to increasing capacity in water quality monitoring and assessment.

"Promoting the availability of the latest resources available is critical in improving and protecting Massachusetts waterways," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Our administration is committed to providing the support needed to ensure that our partners in the watershed protection community can continue the important work that they do at such a high level."

"The diversity of waterbodies in the Commonwealth is one of the many reasons it is such a great place to live and work," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "Protecting

those assets is a major priority and our continued commitment to monitoring groups will advance this important effort."

Each grant will fund up to \$15,000 in monitoring project support, and the resulting enhanced water quality data will help MassDEP implement program requirements for the federal Clean Water Act. This funding will help eligible non-profits organizations, including watershed groups, academic institutions and others, with surface water quality monitoring capacity.

"This is the second year of this innovative grant program targeted at building strong data and science around watershed protection," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "The work of regional stakeholder groups to regularly monitor the Commonwealth's waterbodies for contaminants is essential to the preservation of these important natural resources."

"The work of regional watershed organizations is an important complement to ongoing efforts at MassDEP," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "This grant program not only enhances existing programs, but provides an opportunity for groups that wish to develop or expand monitoring in their communities."

The grant recipients and awards are:

#### Berkshire

#### Environmental Action Team (BEAT) - \$10,503

BEAT will use the grant to develop a volunteer-based water quality monitoring program in Berkshire County. Funds will be used to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies to conduct biweekly monitoring at 22 sites in the Housatonic and Hoosic watersheds.

#### Blackstone River

#### Coalition (BRC) - \$15,000

BRC will use the grant to update and integrate historic data into a water quality database and to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies to conduct biweekly monitoring at 10 sites in the Blackstone River watershed.

#### Center for Coastal Studies (CCS) - \$14,788

CCS will use the grant to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies and equipment to conduct biweekly bacteria moni-

toring at eight sites in the Cape Cod watershed.

#### Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CCSCR) - \$14,983

CCSCR will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies and equipment to expand the Center's capacity to conduct weekly monitoring at 35 sites in the Boston Harbor and South Coastal watersheds.

#### Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) - \$15,000

CRC will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies and equipment to support the work of Deerfield River Watershed Association, Chicopee4Rivers Watershed Council, and the Fort River Watershed Association in conducting weekly and biweekly monitoring at 49 sites in the Chicopee, Connecticut, and Deerfield watersheds.

#### Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA) - \$15,000

FRWA will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies and equipment and allow the association to continue to conduct biweekly monitoring at 17 sites in the Farmington River watershed.

#### French River Connection (FRC) - \$3,222

FRC will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies to conduct biweekly monitoring at 10 sites in the French River watershed.

#### Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) - \$13,660

HVA will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling supplies and analysis supplies to conduct monitoring at 20 sites in the Housatonic River watershed.

#### Lake Quinsigamond Watershed Association (LQWA) - \$4,350

LQWA will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling supplies and conduct biweekly monitoring at nine sites in the Lake Quinsigamond watershed.

#### Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) - \$9,203

MyRWA will use this grant to support an established bacteria monitoring program that includes monthly monitoring at 15 sites in the Mystic River

watershed.

#### Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA) - \$12,425

NRWA will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies and equipment to conduct monthly monitoring at 18 sites and biweekly monitoring at eight sites within the Nashua River watershed.

#### Neponset River Watershed Association (NRWA) - \$7,075

NRWA will use this grant to partner with the X-Cel Conservation Corps to build water quality monitoring capacity and conduct monthly monitoring at five sites in the Neponset River watershed.

#### Organization for the Assabet, Sudbury and Concord Rivers (OARS) - \$3,950

OARS will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling supplies to conduct weekly monitoring at two sites in each of the Assabet, Concord, and Sudbury watersheds.

#### Salem Sound Coastwatch (SSC) - \$14,986

SSC will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies and equipment to conduct biweekly monitoring at 36 sites in the North Coastal watershed.

"I am thrilled to see the Center for Coastal Studies receive this grant," said State Representative Will Crocker (R-Barnstable). "With Cape Cod having a sole source aquifer, it is critical to have near-constant monitoring of our water source and this funding will provide just that."

"Ensuring that our local and regional partners have the support they need to make smart, science-based decisions about our water resources is essential to protecting our environment, public health, and safety," said State Representative Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston). "Updating our data and expanding the scope of our monitoring is not only needed now, but it will become increasingly necessary as we confront the wide-ranging impacts of our rapidly changing climate."

"I am thrilled that the Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA) and OARS are receiving significant grant money to expand water quality monitoring services," said State Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow). "These

organizations do important monitoring and analysis work that informs state government and delivers a better understanding of our rivers and watersheds, a crucial role in ensuring our constituents have access to clean water."

Watersheds across the Commonwealth must be assessed every two years. However, many water bodies are not assessed for one or more uses — such as primary or secondary recreation or aquatic life — in any given assessment cycle, and many small or unnamed streams and ponds have never been monitored or assessed. Also, many water bodies that have been assessed in the past need updated information to determine their current condition. It is anticipated that this grant program will increase the availability of bacteria data that is used to determine the condition of surface waters within the state.

"The Commonwealth is making an excellent investment by building local capacity in monitoring. Water quality monitoring is the only way we can know if our rivers are safe for fishing, boating and swimming," said Alison Field-Juma, executive director of OARS, the watershed organization for the Assabet, Sudbury and Concord Rivers. "It also tells us if there is a problem and helps town, state and federal governments find effective solutions. We are very pleased that the Commonwealth will be supporting this cost-effective way to help restore the health of our rivers from which we will all benefit."

To recognize the value of state partnerships with watershed groups and other external data collectors, the funding balance of \$154,145 will be used to build monitoring capacity. This will include improving the process that external data collectors use to develop state-required quality assurance monitoring project plans, as well as provide technical assistance and training to watershed groups on data management.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

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## History:

# Preble set strength records, explored the Canadian North

By LARZ F. NEILSON

A Wilmington student set strength records at Tufts College in 1903 and 1904. *Boston Globe* articles reported Alfred E. Preble had set a record of 1,433 kilos in 1903, and then topped it a year later with 1,440 kilos.

The score was a cumulative total based on strength of lungs, right grip, left grip, back, legs, dips and pulls.

The Preble family lived on Chestnut Street in Wil-

lington. His father, Edward P. Preble was a Civil War veteran and a leader in the GAR, the Grand Army of the Republic, a Civil War veterans' organization.

Alfred Preble and his brother Edward embarked on repeated scientific explorations of the area around Hudson's Bay in northern Canada. The *Globe* reported that he was unsurpassed in his field of biology, spending most of his free time in the laboratory or the gym-

nasium.

Preble graduated from Wilmington High School in 1899. At Tufts, he immediately took an interest in gymnastic exercises, becoming an expert on every piece of equipment. Wrestling was the only sport in which he participated.

A great deal of his strength, the *Globe* reported, was probably from paddling a canoe on three explorations of the Mackenzie River with his brother and a team of guides.



▲ ALFRED E. PREBLE

The explorations were conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Geologic Survey.

The length of the explorations required him to spend an extra year at Tufts to receive his bache-

lor's degree in science, awarded in 1905.

He became a science teacher, first in the Academy at Parsonfield, Maine, then in high schools in Dover, NH, Springfield, Abington and Wakefield, where he taught chemistry for 34 years.

In 1912, he embarked on a scientific expedition into the James Bay region of Canada, under the auspices of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh. He was accompanied by Charles H.M. Barrett, taxidermist at the Barnum Museum at Tufts and E. Clyde Todd of the Carnegie Institute.

Alfred's father, Edward P. Preble, left high school in Boston in 1861 at the outbreak of the Civil War. In January 1862, he became

captain's clerk on the USS Katahdin, which became one of Adm. Farragut's fleet, participating in the capture of New Orleans. He came down with malaria, and when recovered, he enlisted in the 11th Mass. Infantry Volunteers. After serving in several battles, he was discharged after the war, in July 1865.

Preble became active in the John Andrews Post 11 of the GAR, holding many offices. He became commander in 1894, and became chairman of the state veterans' protective committee, which originated the veterans' preference law. He was appointed assistant adjutant general of the Mass. Dept. of the GAR in 1899, an office which he held until his death in 1906

## Rep. Robertson designates earmarks in House Transportation Bond Bill

BOSTON — Tewksbury and Wilmington may see relief coming to local roads, thanks to earmarks placed by Representative David Robertson.

Placed during the transportation bond bill, these earmarks emphasize the Route 38 corridor within both towns of the 19th Middlesex, as well as including language regarding "unaccepted ways" within Wilmington. These bonds will bring necessary relief to overutilized and underserved segments of our shared infrastructure.

"While I unhesitatingly voted against the gas tax levy being placed upon

everyday folks, I remain focused on the process and I continue to fight hard to find any silver lining that I can bring home to my district," said Rep. Robertson. "We've made great progress on fixing Route 38 and we will continue to see major projects in the future, not just this year but next year as well. These bonds could continue our momentum and these earmarks would serve as an opportunity to directly address some of our biggest headaches."

The four earmarks, split evenly among the district, contain over \$1.5 million for specified tasks. One

earmark, for \$500,000, is targeted for the engineering, surveying, and redesign of "unaccepted ways" in Wilmington. This funding would help to cover a portion of the remaining 10 percent of costs currently expected to be borne by the homeowners, as these streets are updated as part of their recognition and acceptance by the town.

Another earmark sets \$350,000 towards engineering improvements on Route 38, from Burlington Avenue to Lake Street.

In Tewksbury, \$400,000 was tabbed to redesigning the Main Street corridor

from Colonial Drive down to Shawsheen Street. While another \$500,000 was designated for intersection and signal improvements at Pleasant and Main streets.

With the new fire station and combined elementary school projects proceeding in the near future, traffic flow in and around this major crossroads is expected to undergo some complications and this money will work towards creating a more pragmatic and successful flow of local traffic.

The transportation bill now heads to the Senate for further debate and passage.

## Ocean of Rivers Project to renew connection with nature

IPSWICH — For millennia, migratory fish species numbering in the millions performed a dance of renewal in the Ipswich River watershed. Today, that dance is down to only a few performers as dams, outdated culverts, overgrown streams, and other barriers-to-flow prevent herring and other fish species from returning to their spawning habitats.

To create awareness of restoration effort and to renew the Ipswich River community's feeling of interconnection with nature, artist and Fort Point Theater Channel (FPTC) co-artistic director Anne Loyer has partnered with the Ipswich River Watershed Association (IRWA) to create the Ocean of Rivers Project.

"This dance of species happens unseen around us," said Loyer. "This project will use art to make visible the interconnections of nature and humans, and weave the human story into the fabric of other species."

Ocean of Rivers includes a series of walks, presentations, workshops, paddles, and performances,

offering many opportunities to learn about ongoing restoration projects to improve river connectivity and the migratory species that this work will benefit. The events, which run from March through June, are offered free of charge, thanks to support from IRWA, the Mass Audubon, the Boxford Trails Association/Boxford Open Land Trust (BTA/BOLT), the Middleton and Topsfield Stream Teams, and FPTC.

The project is supported in part by grants from the Boxford, Ipswich, and Topsfield Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Herring, a catch-all species name that includes bluebacks, alewives, and shad, leave the ocean and swim up the Ipswich River to spawn in ponds while American eel swim downstream to spawn in the Sargasso Sea. These migrations created a beneficial ripple effect for species throughout the area, including the people.

Many people are hard at work in a myriad of approaches to restore river connectivity and bring

back the dance of migration. At project workshops, participants will build puppets of herring and eel from natural and upcycled materials. Ocean of Rivers will provide information on restoration projects and instructions for basic puppets online and at all project events, as well as distributing them to local libraries and schools.

The project will culminate in a live performance in downtown Ipswich during the town's Local Color festival on May 30, 2020. The public will be invited to join trained dancers and puppeteers in a performance that embodies the natural flow of nature and the interweaving of our human stories with the fabric of other species.

Restoring river connectivity and preserving the ecological functions and biodiversity of the Ipswich River is part of IRWA's mission. Thanks to a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, IRWA is working with Trout Unlimited's Northeast Chapter and municipal partners to restore the Howlett Brook watershed. A subwatershed of the Ip-

swich, this area has potential as herring habitat.

Other restoration projects highlighted by Ocean of Rivers include herring habitat assessments and efforts to remove dams for species like American shad. With the assistance of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, IRWA plans to stock the Ipswich River with herring this spring. These restoration efforts will be crucial to ensuring the herring are able to return to the river in subsequent years.

Ocean of Rivers is part of a suite of events all over the globe that celebrate World Fish Migration Day. More information about World Fish Migration Day can be found at [www.worldfishmigrationday.com](http://www.worldfishmigrationday.com).

To learn more about the Ocean of Rivers project, including the date, time, details and registration materials for all events, please visit [ipswichriver.org/ocean-of-rivers](http://ipswichriver.org/ocean-of-rivers)

## North Street \$250 scholarship available now

TEWKSBURY — The North Street Elementary School PAC announces its \$250 scholarship is now available.

Any high school senior who attended the North Street Elementary School during their elementary school years is eligible. Please see your Guidance Dept to apply.

If chosen and to collect the scholarship, the student must be enrolled in

an accredited college and provide proof of first term completed. The proof may be in the form of a first term report card or notification from the college.

Funds are not awarded until the student completes the first term. Applicants must email North Street Elementary School PAC at [northstpac@gmail.com](mailto:northstpac@gmail.com) by March 30, 2020.



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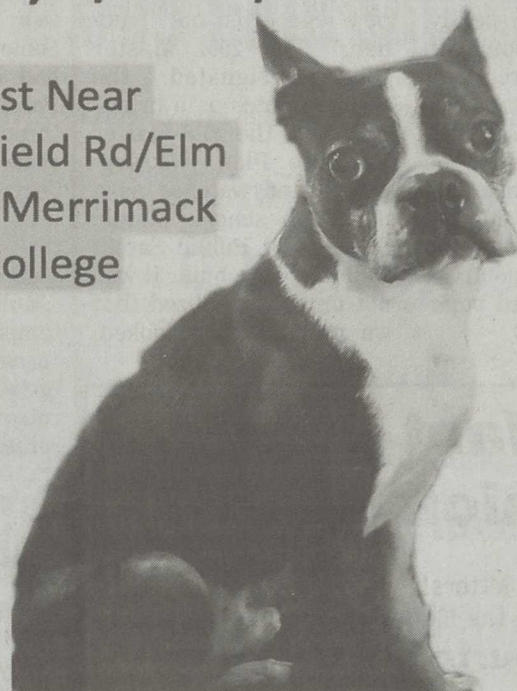
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# OPINION



## Letters to the editor

### Massachusetts must switch to clean energy

(The following is an editorial from State Rep. Tram Nguyen)

Previously as a candidate and now as a State Representative, I have been unwavering in my support of clean, renewable energy for Massachusetts. I want my constituents and the people of Massachusetts to know that I stand for a transformation of our energy grid to completely replace fossil fuels.

Parts of my own district suffered terrible damage during the explosions and fires on Sept. 13, 2018, which resulted in the death of a young man, Leonel Rondon, tens of thousands of residents displaced, hundreds of injuries, and dozens of damaged buildings and businesses. Thousands of residents were left without heat or hot water during the winter months, and while it is difficult to determine the exact cost of the explosions and fires to the Merrimack Valley community, the damage to homes and businesses may exceed \$1 billion.

The response from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, the company that operated the natural gas lines, lacked urgency, empathy, and organized action to restore safety and power to customers.

Studies show that Massachusetts consumers spent an extra \$1.5 billion over the last decade due to natural gas leaks. Massachusetts utilities reported over 27,000 leaks in 2017, with over 15,000 going unrepaired by the year's end, raising the possibility that similar explosions and fires could happen again and harm others.

This situation is unacceptable, particularly since alternatives now exist to enable Massachusetts to transition to 100 percent

renewable energy. Through a robust combination of solar energy, onshore and offshore wind farms, and other alternative fuels, we could completely transform our state energy grid.

This can be accomplished through bold legislation to set goals for a renewable future, the rapid installation of solar panels on private homes and public lands, and the construction of wind farms in more rural areas of the Commonwealth as well as offshore, miles from our coast. Tax credits can be given to residents who transition to electric cars and heating/cooling systems not based on fossil fuels.

Thousands of low-skill and high-skill jobs will be created through the transformation. This effort will require both elected officials and residents to commit to a renewable future in Massachusetts, but it will be worth it. The end of fossil fuels and a transition to renewable energy will create jobs, improve health and safety, and ensure that no community will be harmed by negligent, dangerous fossil fuel companies again.

Residents of Massachusetts deserve clean water, air, and energy. Our children deserve to grow up in a community that respects and treasures the environment. The effects of climate change are real, devastating, and increasing. We need to take action to prevent further damage to our communities and we need to do it immediately.

Representative Tram Nguyen,

18th Essex District

Representing parts of Andover, Boxford, North Andover, and Tewksbury

## Where was the government leadership and knowledge available but not heard?

By PAUL J. ANDREWS  
andrews@massupt.org  
Mass. Ass'n. of School Superintendents  
Member of Board of Winchester Hospital

"Once a day, have a conversation where you mostly listen. Don't underestimate the power of your silence," commented Arianna Huffington.

The issue raised is so important, as well as some of the topics that will be covered in this column. This has been a "week of weeks" if I ever saw one, as so many events turned the world upside down.

### Communication essential

When we saw the issue of coronavirus beginning in late January in some high level circles but not becoming headlines until February and March, something is wrong somewhere. My comment about listening is so important. While we have so many key leaders feeling that every word they say is important to be heard, these same people never take the time to "listen" maybe once or twice a day to information they need to hear.

We have too many leaders of organizations who are always talking but never listening to discussions and conversations

that are vital to be heard and proper action to be taken. I cannot believe it took this long for positive governmental suggestions to business, industries and the public at large on proper preparations and plans that were kept in the dark somewhere.

The possibilities should have been explained by government officials in real terms on a situation on what now is very close to intense and near pandemic status. Wasn't there someone listening to the initial reports from other countries?

Here, we have a great hotel, the Marriott Long Wharf in Boston, apparently being the alleged source of multiple victims of this disease. It could maybe have been caught months earlier if we knew more rather than being placed in isolation in their home to keep the disease from spreading. Teleconferencing works and this could have taken place in this case if we knew more.

I really thought we were in the information age with the best technology known currently in our world but somebody missed the boat on this one "big time" and could impact families and com-

munities for a long time.

Biogen, one of the greatest companies in the medical field, was clearly a week ending conference that has traveled around the world. Who was listening?

### International travel

Discussions took place all week around the virus concerns, whether international travel should continue for families, individuals or school groups. For most of these groups it was either "under review" or "cancelled" obviously because someone was listening and knew the countries that were on the danger zone virus list with prior cases of the virus of concern, as well as the type of setting one was flying. Heading out to a conference in one of these countries makes no sense on the information provided but remember they needed to listen to the folks at the sites and on television networks.

The media kept passing on the latest data and cases of coronavirus almost daily on all the networks and was almost totally focused on this issue the past week to make the situation as clear as possible but one has to listen. Stay tuned as they say.

### A bit of levity

Sorry for the seriousness of the above comments but we are living in dangerous times. Changing the topic big time was the comment or question Jim Braudie made a week ago on WGBH about "why not Super Bowl Saturday and not Super Bowl Sunday, which makes more sense for our television viewers." Interesting and enjoy hearing from you on that one.

### JUST A NOTE AND SOME MORNING PULSE

Thanks for your comments this past week on the last column coming in on andrews@massupt.org and here are a few Morning Pulse comments for so many of you who enjoy my extractions: Retirement age seen rising to 68 years as of 2024; Your retirement earning may not last as long as you think; Wall Street's watchdog is obscuring data that could protect investors; With the surprise Fed rate cut, savers should act fast to lock in CD rates; Economists might not say it out loud but recession risks are above 50 percent; Advice for local investors, buckle up and diversify; US construction spending jumps 1.8 percent in January.

### Book Stew Review

## 'Evvie Drake Starts Over' by Linda Holmes

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

For me, there's nothing as comforting as a predictable romance shot through with depth and wit.

Evvie Drake of mid-coast Maine marries her

high school sweetheart, the beloved town doctor, and is getting ready to leave His Meanness on the day he dies in a car accident.

Dean Tenney, celebrated pitcher for the NY Yankees, gets a bad case of the "yips" and becomes a

sudden failure and renowned head case who is unable to throw a strike.

Of course they have a shared best friend, Andy, and guess what happens when Dean, needing to get away from the press and the social media spotlight, becomes Ev-

vie's tenant. Yes, even though they vow to avoid the obvious by remaining just friends, love happens.

But there's still their big issues to work out and that's where the book's quiet magic takes hold.

### An invitation to girls to experience scouting

To the editor,  
Were you aware that Troop 126 in Wilmington, Mass. now has a girls troop?

I am inviting all interested young ladies to come explore and enjoy all the opportunities that scouting has to offer. Come and find out what you're made of — the opportunities are endless! Visit us at Villanova Hall at Saint Thomas

of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All faiths are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Rzeszut at 978-505-5334.

Can't wait to meet you and watch as you begin your personal adventure in scouting!

Yours in Scouting,  
Becki Quigley

### Why do seniors 'suddenly' want a new Senior Center?

To the editor,  
Why are the seniors in town "suddenly" asking for a new Senior Center in Wilmington?

Let's examine each part of that question. First, the seniors in town: Presently, the 60 and over population represents 29 percent of the adult population in Wilmington. (In fact, Wilmington is experiencing the same population inversion that the State of Massachusetts is, that being the older population is outpacing the school aged population in numbers)

Our numbers have grown, our needs have grown, and our desire to "age in place," and continue to live in this town have grown.

Second, this desire for a new space is not "sudden." The 2001 Master Plan designated the Senior Center as a priority, as did the 2018 Master Facilities Plan. We supported and watched as a new high school, Middle School and Public Safety Building were built. It was not until we realized that we might be overlooked,

again, in the next round of building considerations that we took action.

And finally, we have done our homework. We have read feasibility studies from other communities, and visited four Senior Centers. We have had eight meetings of a Focus Group tasked to sift through information and present to the Elderly Services Commission, who then presents it during their publicly held meetings.

Multiple towns have attempted to rehab facilities vs. new construction. It ends up being more expensive to retrofit vs. build from scratch. The present Sen-

ior Center only has 2,800 square feet of usable space... Wilmington is building houses bigger than that!

While George Hooper and Co. have done an excellent job of maintaining Buzzell, there is only so much make-up you can put on. It is time to retire the building and reuse it for temporary space or storage.

So, please, lend us your support at Town Meeting on May 2, 2020. Vote YES to support the Feasibility Study for a new Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susanne Clarkin

## Census surveys to be sent out next week

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON - 95 percent or about 143 million households in the country will receive an initial invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in their mailboxes between March 12 and 20. The U.S. Census Bureau released informational copies of the invitations,

the enclosed materials, and the subsequent reminders households will receive. These materials can help the public know what to expect and avoid potential scams.

Households are encouraged to respond when they receive their invitation. Depending on how

likely the area is to respond online, households will receive either an invitation encouraging them to respond online or by phone (about 112 million households), or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire (about 31 million households).

All invitations will include a short phrase in English and 12 additional languages inviting people to respond online or by phone in their language. In areas where 20 percent or more of the households

need Spanish assistance, the invitations will be in both English and Spanish.

All households receiving an invitation in the mail will receive a second letter in the mail shortly after reminding them to respond. Then, households that still haven't responded will receive a series of additional reminders, including a paper questionnaire in mid-April. Census takers will follow up with households that don't respond to collect responses in person.

## Want your opinion heard?

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Send Letters to the Editor to:

**office@yourtowncrier.com.**

All submissions must be accompanied by full name, address, and daytime contact information for verification purposes.

Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

### ~Recycling Tip of the Week~

- Keep tissues, napkins and paper towels out of recycling. They are trash.
- Styrofoam is trash. There is no way to recycle Styrofoam at this time.
- Paper coffee cups are NOT recyclable. The

cardboard sleeves ARE recyclable. The plastic tops are recyclable.

- Magazines, newspapers, inserts and junk mail are all OK for recycling.

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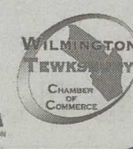
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# OBITUARIES

## Paul T. Buonopane

*Started his own construction company*

Paul T. Buonopane, 74 of Wilmington passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday March 4.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Patricia "Pat," his sons — Paul and his wife, Laura (of Andover) and Michael and his wife Theresa (of North Andover), and grandchildren — Thomas, Tyler, Fallon, Chloe, Lucy and Grace.

Paul grew up in a large family in East Boston and loved sharing stories of his days growing up in the city. Paul's humor and kind heart endeared him to all who knew him and so he always had many friends to share the road with him — in both good times and bad. Paul loved his time with the guys, golfing, playing cards or eating out near their old neighborhood.

At the young age of 13 he met the love of his life Patty and he was smitten forever more. Patty was his rock and quickly became his whole world. Together they made Wilmington their home.

Paul was a devoted dad and adored his boys. He never missed a game or any event they were involved in, including coaching youth basketball. When the boys were young, Paul's entrepreneurial spirit kicked in and he started up a construction company in the Boston area, (B&B). Paul and Patty loved spending time with family and traveling, making memories.

Papa's greatest source of pride in his life were his grandchildren and his favorite past-time became bragging about them. He and Patty made a tradition of seeing each of them off on their first day of school.

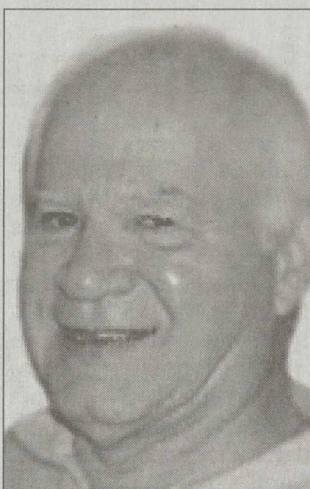
He earned the title of "Best Papa Ever" by the hours he spent watching cheer, taekwondo, musicals, soccer, dance competitions, lacrosse, and hockey. He often travelled a great distance for the chance to see his grandson play hockey.

Papa beamed with love and pride whenever he was with them; always eager for a road trip and to see if he could combine it with a visit to the casino. He was always their #1 fan and encouraged them in all their interests.

Papa was the famous maker of "the gravy" and because of him, the tradition of Sunday family dinner is alive and well. We will forever miss those Sunday dinners together gathered around the dining room table. Dessert always lingered on while Papa shared his wisdom and advice, making us all laugh and smile while he did.

Paul was the definition of a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. His life exemplified selfless love of family, and this is the legacy he leaves behind.

Paul was the beloved husband of Patricia (Imbriano) Buonopane, devoted



ed father of Paul Buonopane & his wife Laura of Andover and Michael Buonopane & his wife Theresa of North Andover.

Loving "Papa" of Thomas, Tyler, Chloe, Fallon, Lucy and Grace, cherished son of the late Anthony and Margaret (Babb) Buonopane, dear brother of Phyllis McGill, Kathy Pergola, David Buonopane, Steven Buonopane, the late Margaret Teeling, Robert, Michael and Marie Buonopane.

Paul is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, March 7 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, at 10 a.m. Visiting Hours were held at the Funeral Home on Friday, March 6 from 4 - 8 p.m.

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## Jane Marie (Coffey) O'Hearne

*Worked at Zayres, Analog Devices*

Jane Marie (Coffey) O'Hearne, age 86, a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away surrounded by her loving family on March 9, 2020 at The Residence at Pearl Street in Reading.

Jane was born on April 9, 1933 in Medford; she was the cherished daughter of the late Martin Denis and Mary Margaret (Hurley) Coffey. Jane was raised in Medford and graduated from St. Clement High School.

After graduation, Jane attended Katharine Gibbs College, where she earned her Secretarial certificate. She took her first position as a secretary at a law office in Boston on Federal Street. Jane was well-liked and very dedicated to her job; she was an accomplished secretary who could type more than 100 words per minute.

Jane met her husband, the late Francis Thomas O'Hearne of Woburn, during a chance encounter at a "Big Band" dance at Mosley on the Charles in Dedham. They were married in 1955 and moved to Catherine Avenue in Wilmington, where they raised their two children, Mark and Susan.

After a few years, the family moved to Chapman Avenue (Hathaway Acres) into Jane's favorite red cape-style home, where she lived until her passing. Jane returned to the workforce when her children went to school. She took a position at Sweetheart Plastics for several years, before working at Zayres Department Store and as an administrator for Mr. Rando.

In 1974, Jane went to work for Analog Devices as an Executive Secre-

tary. After more than 20 years, Jane retired.

After retirement, Jane took on a new position as "Nana." She loved to spend time with her grandchildren who kept her happy and busy.

In her spare time, Jane loved to work in her garden. She enjoyed all kinds of flowers and took pride in her yard. Jane was a talented pianist who could even play the piano by ear. As time went on, Jane could no longer read the sheet music, but she could still play by memory.

Jane also loved to dance; she took dance lessons as a young child and senior dance lessons in her later years. Jane was proud of her "dancing genes" that were passed on to her granddaughters who all dance today.

Jane's family was most important to her; she was a thoughtful and devoted mother and grandmother who was always there with a smile or advice. She was willing to help and lead by example with her courage and strength.

Even in her later years, Jane was still full of life and loved to have fun. She kept in touch with her old relationships and continued to make new relationships everywhere she went. Jane was blessed with a healthy life and she will truly be missed by her family, friends and neighbors.

Jane was the beloved wife of the late Francis Thomas O'Hearne, devoted mother of Mark Daniel O'Hearne & his wife Anne of Newton and Susan Marie O'Doherty & her husband Patrick of Reading, loving "Nana" of Thomas Francis O'Hearne, Mar-



jorie Anne O'Hearne, Aine Marie O'Doherty and Caitriona Marie O'Doherty, dear sister of Paul Coffey & his wife Ruth of Woburn and Mary Anne Miller & her husband Bob of Malden.

Jane was very special to her long-time companion, the late Charlie Luciano of Magnolia. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, neighbors, friends and extended family.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Friday, March 20 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment to follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, March 19 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Memorial donations in Jane's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Mary L. 'Muriel' (Galante) Lynch

*Services on Thursday at 11*

Mary L. "Muriel" (Galante) Lynch, age 97, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on March 9, 2020, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Mary was born in Boston and raised in Everett; she was the daughter of John and Anna Galante.

Mary married Snapper Lynch in February of 1942 and they moved to Wilmington in the mid 1950's where they raised their family. Mary was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend.

Mary really looked forward to the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; throughout the years they spent lots of time on Dexter Street where countless fond memories were made. The kids enjoyed their sleepovers, parties, favorite meals or whatever they wanted to do with their Nana and Nin; she just adored those kids.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late William J. "Snapper" Lynch, dear mother of Barbara Brennick and Francine Hersom both of Wilmington and William J. "Snookie" Lynch, Jr. of North Reading.

Loving "Nana" of Ann Marie, the late Kelly, Stephanie, Dickie, Timothy, Kasey, the late Nikki and the late Vicky.

She was fondly known as "Nin" to her 11 great-grandchildren: Stephen, Ashley, Elizabeth, Johnny, Richie, McKayla, Matthew, Mikey, Timothy, Danny, the late Courtney and her two great-great granddaughters: Leah and Maeve.

Daughter of the late John and Anna (Pacella) Galante. Mary was the sister of the late John, Nicholas, Rachel, Margaret, Rena, Lena and Clara; she is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St.



(Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Thursday, March 12 at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to The Carroll Center for the Blind, 770 Centre St., Newton, MA 02458.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington.

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## Dewing \$250 scholarship now available

TEWKSBURY — The L.F. Dewing Elementary School PAC announces its \$250 scholarship is now available.

Any high school senior who attended the L.F. Dewing Elementary School during their elementary school years is eligible.

Please see your Guidance Dept to apply.

If chosen and to collect the scholarship, the student must be enrolled in an accredited college and provide proof of first term completed. The proof may be in the form of a first term report card or

notification from the college.

Funds are not awarded until the student completes the first term. Applicants must email L.F. Dewing Elementary School PAC at [lfdeewing-pac@gmail.com](mailto:lfdeewing-pac@gmail.com) by March 30, 2020.

## Tewksbury voter registration session

TEWKSBURY — A voter registration session has been scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main St. Town Clerk, Denise Grafeco informs residents who are not registered to vote, this is the final day to be eligible to vote at the April 4, 2020 annual town election and the May 4, 2020 annual Town Meeting.

Town Hall will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 13 for voters

who wish to register to vote in person.

Persons who are United States citizens, residents of Massachusetts, and who will be at least 18 years old on or before April 4 are eligible to register. Those meeting these qualifications who have a Massachusetts driver's license can submit their registration online at [www.RegisterToVoteMA.com](http://www.RegisterToVoteMA.com)

Mail-in Voter Registration Forms may be obtained at the following link: [http://www.sec.state](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf)

[www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf). Those registering by mail should have their form hand-canceled to ensure it is postmarked before the deadline.

Residents may also register to vote during regular Town Clerk office hours, Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For inquiries, please phone the Office of the Town Clerk at 978-640-4355.

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## Nancy Elizabeth Roberts

*Private ceremony planned for Glenburn, ND*

Some people only walk this earth for a short time. Their departure reminds us that angels are watching over us. Nancy Elizabeth Roberts (O'Connell) rejoined her heavenly family and gained her wings on March 5, 2020 after a brave journey with ovarian cancer. She was 64 years old.

It would be wrong to say that Nancy lost her battle because she never stopped fighting. She lived graciously and courageously with it until the very end. No matter how sick she was, she was always determined. When anyone else would have broken, Nancy stayed strong.

Through her, we know what resilience and perseverance truly look like.

There was no quit in Nancy. Just because she is no longer here, it doesn't mean she lost her fight.

Nancy was born on Oct. 21, 1955 in Winchester to Leo Jr. and Marie (Baldwin) O'Connell. She was educated in Wilmington and Lexington schools.

She married David Roberts on Aug. 17, 1980, in Lexington.

Nancy is survived by her husband David Roberts of Glenburn, ND; their three daughters Tamatha Schmechel and husband Jonathan of Glenburn, ND; Tara Conaway and husband Andrew of Fairport, NY; Tasha Williams and husband Ryan of Royce City, TX; as well as eight grandchildren, five brothers, two sisters; pre-



ceded in death by her parents, Leo O'Connell Jr and Marie (Baldwin), O'Connell, and sister Darlene (O'Connell) Fleming.

The family has planned a private ceremony in Glenburn, ND.

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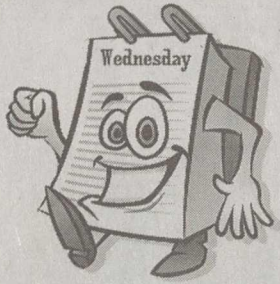
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# Community Calendar

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## Wilmington Calendar:

### Come have breakfast with the Easter Bunny

**Knights of Columbus Karaoke**  
Friday, March 20 from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Members' Lounge  
The Knights of Columbus are holding a karaoke night in their hall's downstairs lounge. Participants must be 21 or older.

**Into Action Recovery**  
Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m.  
TJ Callahan's, 1475 Main St. in Tewksbury  
There will be a drawing for a New England Patriots VIP Package, raffles, and a free buffet. For more information, email [intoactionrecovery2015@gmail.com](mailto:intoactionrecovery2015@gmail.com).

**Trivia Night**  
Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus main banquet hall, 112 Middlesex Ave.  
The Knights of Columbus and Wilmington Band Parents are hosting a trivia night. Doors open at 7 p.m. and trivia starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own food to share with your teammates. A cash bar will be available and there will be raffle baskets. Entrance is \$20 per person and tables will be 10 people per table. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please make checks payable to The Wilmington Band Parents Association. For more information, please contact Steve Sica at 978-771-0810 or Jeff Bradford at 978-658-1723.

**New England Vintage Tackle Show**  
Saturday, April 4 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Tewksbury Holiday Inn  
The show will feature freshwater and saltwater vintage gear, lures, rods, reels, decoys, and more. The event is put on by the National Fishing Lures Collector's Club.

**Sons of Italy Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**  
Sunday, April 5  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
The Wilmington Sons of Italy presents the 15th Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 5. Two seatings are available: 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. The donation is \$8 per person; children 3 and under eat free. The menu includes scrambled eggs, waffles, hash brown patties, bacon, sausage, cereal, juice, milk, and coffee. All proceeds are to benefit Wilmington Sons of Italy charities. For tickets, contact Michele at 978-658-8284. Please note, tickets must be purchased on or before March 30, as tickets will not be sold at the door.

**Knights of Columbus Music Bingo**  
Friday, April 17 from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Members' Lounge  
Music bingo will be held in the downstairs lounge in the Knights of Columbus hall. Participants must be 21 or older.

**Rock and Roll Show**  
Saturday, April 25 at 6 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
The show is featuring Jimmy Merrick and the Jesters who starred on the Wilmington Common during the summer concerts. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall behind Saint Thomas' church. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$20 per person. Pizza, coffee, and pastries will be provided; bring your own snacks. For tickets, call Ken Lydon at 978-618-5999.

**Knights of Columbus Cribbage**  
Mondays from 7 - 9 p.m. through mid-April  
Knights of Columbus Members' Lounge  
Come to cribbage at the downstairs lounge in the Knights of Columbus hall. For more details, call Bob at 978-851-4985. Participants must be 21 or older.

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Lowell Assembly of God, 995 Andover St. in Tewksbury  
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St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351

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**Safety seat installation**  
Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide St.  
The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

## Tewksbury Calendar:

### New England Vintage Tackle Show on April 4

**Into Action Recovery**  
Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m.  
TJ Callahan's, 1475 Main St.  
There will be a drawing for a New England Patriots VIP Package, raffles, and a free buffet. For more information, email [intoactionrecovery2015@gmail.com](mailto:intoactionrecovery2015@gmail.com).

**MVP Public Listening Sessions**  
Thursday, March 26 from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Tewksbury Public Library  
You are invited to participate in an interactive Public Listening Sessions to review the recent January workshop findings for the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program. This is a great opportunity for you to provide direct feedback on the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan and to discuss solutions to current hazards and future climate change impacts. For more information, contact Town Planner Anna McGinty at 978-640-4370 Ext. 236. To learn more about the MVP Program, please visit [mass.gov/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program](http://mass.gov/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program).

**Indoor Mini Golf**  
Tewksbury Public Library  
Mini golf will be held Friday, March 27, Saturday, March 28, and Sunday,

March 29. Friday night will be from 6 - 8 p.m. and is an adult only night with drinks and a hole in one contest. Saturday night will be from 6 - 9 p.m., and Sunday is all day from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come for the raffles, stay for the mini golf! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library.

**Roadshow**  
Tuesday, March 31 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Tewksbury Senior Center  
Join the Public Health Museum's Coordinator of Volunteer Engagement, Sandra Price and Volunteer Liz Robinson as they host a roadshow at the Tewksbury Senior Center on Tuesday, March 31. Objects from the museum's collections will be on display.

**TYSL/Dewing Dewgooders Soccer Equipment Swap**  
Ongoing until April 1  
Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St.  
Are you tired of having to buy new cleats and equipment every season because of how quickly your children grow? TYSL and the Dewing Dewgooders (Dewing PAC Community Service Committee) are now collecting any usable cleats, shin guards, uniforms, and other equipment for redistribution. The donation box is located in the lobby of the

Tewksbury Public Library until April 1. Watch for dates and locations of where you can come pick out, free of charge, what your athlete may need for the 2020 seasons. For any questions, please contact Andrea Rego at [arangeland@hotmail.com](mailto:arangeland@hotmail.com).

**New England Vintage Tackle Show**  
Saturday, April 4 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Tewksbury Holiday Inn  
The show will feature freshwater and saltwater vintage gear, lures, rods, reels, decoys, and more. The event is put on by the National Fishing Lures Collector's Club.

**Tewksbury MVP Program**  
Wednesday, April 15 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St.  
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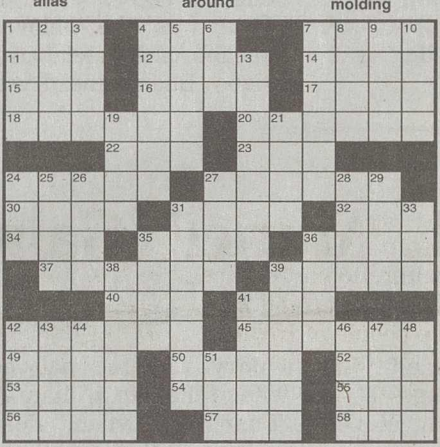
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## Easter Bunny to visit Congregational Church

TEWKSBURY — Spring is on its way, and so is the Easter Bunny! We're celebrating one of our favorite holidays with a special visit from everyone's favorite rabbit. Hippiity hop on over to Tewksbury Congregational Church on Sunday March 29, from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. for a chance to meet and have your picture taken with our egg-citing guest. Don't forget your cameras! Not sure if your little one will be "hoppy" to see Easter Bunny right away? Come and participate in some free crafts and enjoy a complimentary brunch while getting a lay of the land. All are welcome. For more information regarding the FREE youth education programming at Tewksbury Congregational Church, located at 10 East St. Tewksbury (across from

the Town Common), please visit their website at [www.tewksburycc.org](http://www.tewksburycc.org).

**About the Tewksbury Congregational Church**  
Tewksbury Congregational Church, a member of one of the largest Protestant denominations in New England, is located across from the Town Common, and was established in 1735. Tewksbury Congregational Church welcomes all people desiring to lead their lives according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, regardless of race, color, national origin, previous religious background, economic status, gender, age, sexual orientation, or physical challenges. For more information, visit [www.tewksburycc.org](http://www.tewksburycc.org).

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# Lifestyle

## Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's DAY

By **HEATHER BURNS**  
News Correspondent

**M**arch 17 is the date that we celebrate two holidays in the Boston area.

One holiday is the observance of Evacuation Day, which is when the British ended their occupation of the city of Boston on March 17, 1776.

The other holiday observes the death of the patron Saint of Ireland, St. Patrick.

Even though St. Patrick's name has become synonymous with Ireland, St. Patrick was not originally from Ireland.

Born the son of a British nobleman in 386 AD, Patrick was taken prisoner at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland by a group of Irish raiders.

During his time of captivity, he turned to religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian.

He escaped after six years, walking 200 miles to the Irish coast, then returning to Britain.

Soon after his return, he began religious training and became an ordained priest.

He then chose to return to Ireland and use his knowledge of Irish culture to convert the Irish to Christianity and minister to the people of Ireland.

Many of the tales that were told of St. Patrick, such as the banishing of snakes, are thought to be false, as myths and folklore have been a part of Ireland's way of life for centuries. However, many of these folklores are a part of our modern day St. Patrick's celebration.

Everyone knows that dressing from head to toe in green is a customary and fun practice on St. Patrick's Day, although early depictions of St. Patrick showed him dressed in all blue.

The color green is thought to be traced back to Irish military uniforms that were worn throughout history, but most embrace the color green for more uplifting and magical reasons for St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

The color green is reminiscent of the coming of spring and the rolling green hills of Ireland, making it an obvious color choice to celebrate all that is Irish.

Another important, green Irish symbol is the green Shamrock plant, which has always held a strong meaning in Irish folklore as the emblem of the Holy Trinity.

But the most popular reason

for the wearing of the green is the myth of the Irish Leprechaun.

It is said if you wear green on St. Patrick's Day, you would be invisible to the spirited, little leprechauns, making it easier to catch him and get his pot of gold.

However, if you do not wear green, the leprechaun could see you, and would jump out of his hiding place and pinch you! So, naturally, the wise choice would be to forgo the pinch and wear the green.

After finding the appropriate emerald outfit, many of us choose to enjoy St. Patrick's Day with the appropriate food and drink.

Nothing is more festive than a glass of green beer to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, except maybe the popular fast food favorite, the Shamrock Shake.

First introduced in 1970, the bright green Shamrock Shake had a lemon/lime and vanilla flavor, but by 1973, the lemon/lime flavor was dropped, making it simply a vanilla shake that happens to be bright green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

The traditional meal of St. Patrick's Day of today is corned beef and cabbage. This tra-

ditional, boiled dinner was actually borrowed by Irish immigrants from the Jewish community in the 19th century for economic reasons.

The Irish favorite, bacon joint, also known as back bacon, was becoming too costly, so the Irish immigrant community switched to the more cost effective corned beef (a salt cured brisket of beef).

Another traditional Irish cuisine is the beloved Irish Soda Bread. This holiday favorite does not date back to St. Patrick's time, but rather the 1830's, during Ireland's financial strife. Many ingredients for traditional breads were expensive and hard to come by. So, out of necessity, the soda bread recipe was created.

Made mainly from flour, baking soda, milk and salt, this recipe was easy to create even for the most isolated areas of Ireland.

Today, soda bread is a St. Patrick's tradition, not only for its ease and good taste, but because it reminds us of the struggles that our Irish ancestors faced through difficult times.

A local favorite St. Patrick's Day tradition is the Annual



▲ The Shamrock Plant is the Irish folklore symbol of the Holy Trinity. (Heather Burns photos)

South Boston Parade.

Boston first celebrated its St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, 1737 as a gesture of solidarity among the city's new Irish immigrant community.

The parade was moved to South Boston in 1901. The Southie neighborhood was not only a robust Irish community, but it was also the sight of the British evacuation of 1776, making it the perfect place to honor both of these significant historical holidays for the city of Boston. Since the 1901 move of the parade's location, the South Boston St. Patrick's Parade has highlighted both military service and Irish heritage, and has been a time honored tradition for the surrounding communities.

This year's South Boston Parade was to be held on Sunday, March 15, 2020, with an estimated 600,000 people expected to attend, but on Monday, March 9, Boston's Mayor

Martin Walsh announced the parade will be canceled due to public health concerns over the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus.

Bad weather had threatened to cancel the parade several times over the years, but the only other time that the parade has been canceled in recent years was in 1994.

After the state's supreme court had determined that an Irish-American Gay and Lesbian group had the right to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, officials from The Veterans Council of South Boston, who managed the parade at the time, chose to cancel the parade rather than let the group participate.

Parade officials hope to reschedule this year's parade at the end of the month, however, as of the printing of this article, no date has been announced.

So far, there are no plans to cancel the St. Patrick's Parade hosted by the City of Lawrence, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 1 p.m.

This parade will start at Amesbury and Common Street and end at Market Street. Visit Lawrence MA St. Patrick's Day Parade on Facebook for a full parade route, to find the best viewing spots, or for any schedule changes.

If you are still in the mood to celebrate all that is Irish after March 17, you may want to take a ride to Weymouth for their annual Irish Heritage Day Parade and Festival on Sunday, March 29, 2020 starting at 11 a.m.

The parade will proceed down Union Street, and will be followed by an Irish Festival at Stella Tirrell Park. For more information on festival events or for any postponement announcements, visit Weymouth Irish Heritage Day on Facebook.

The month of March is looking promising with warmer weather and fun St. Patrick events to participate in, either within the community, or at home, surrounded by family.

Regardless of your ethnic background, adorn yourself in your brightest "kelly green" clothes, and enjoy some of the many Irish traditions this holiday has to offer. Remember, "the luck of the Irish" is with everyone on St. Patrick's Day!



▲ Corned beef and cabbage

## When it comes to handwashing: soap vs. sanitizer

By **PAIGE IMPINK**  
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As the coronavirus continues its march across the planet, media is bombarding us with hand washing and hand sanitizing messages. Stores are sold out of sanitizer and cleaning wipes. And though it took a rapidly spreading virus to raise the level of handwashing awareness, it is important to understand the differences between using a sanitizing gel vs. soap and water to combat germs.

While it is understood that soap and water are not always available, if there is a choice, go for the soap. Here's why:

According to the CDC, "Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of microbes on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs."

Hand sanitizers can reduce the number of germs on the hands, but may not break the chain of viruses or other bacteria. The sanitizer, in concentrations of alcohol over 60 percent, can reduce the desirability of the hands as a surface for breeding, but does not clean the hands or remove dirt and grime.

Soap, however, actually breaks down the molecular structure of the virus and essentially makes it fall apart. The friction of handwashing helps to loo-

sen microbes which are then washed down the drain. So, soap actually works to remove bacteria from your hands, not just kill it in place.

And regular soap works great, so there is no need to buy antibacterial soaps which contain additives that have been shown to actually make bacteria resistant to antibiotics.

Germs can live on surfaces that we touch every day. The best way to reduce your chance of picking up an unwanted illness is to keep your hands away from your face. Bring your own pen to sign in at the doctor's office, don't touch handrails or door handles and if you must, use a paper towel or

your elbow. Consider your hands "hot" once you've touched a community surface and do not brush your hair away from your face, scratch an itch, or rub your eyes.

One of the characteristics of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is that people who are not showing symptoms can be carriers of the virus. This means that if the people around you are not visibly ill, they could still have the contagion and be a transmitter.

This does not mean that people should all go into isolation; rather, keep your hands clean as you would every day and keep a "social distance" from folks. As a respiratory ill-

ness, the virus is spread through cough and sneezes; droplets will land on surfaces and await their next ride.

Even if you have a persistent dry cough, cover your mouth. Tiny vapor droplets are emitted from your lungs through the mouth into the air that is expelled; again, cover your cough.

According to researchers at MIT, thousands of droplets are emitted by a cough at 100 mph, spreading bacteria and germs to unsuspecting bystanders. The droplets travel much further than initially thought and researchers have discovered invisible gas clouds that carry germs out in to a room.

Though germs surround our bodies every day, taking steps to reduce the entry of these agents by keeping hands away from eyes, nose and mouth helps to limit the amount of combat one's system must engage in, and hopefully reduce the spread of disease to those who may be more vulnerable.

If you've used a tissue, wash your hands. If you've used an office phone, wash your hands; and wipe down your cell phone, as well. Use soap and water as much as possible and try to maintain the washing for twenty seconds. It's a good habit to get into and just adopt as the new normal for your health.





## Tewksbury Police Log

### Male party tried to fight people inside steak house

Monday, March 2

12:53 a.m. - Caller at Lodge at Ames Pond complained of noise coming from the apartment above. Police sent. The homeowner of the apartment had been spoken to and they had just arrived home.

6:03 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Harvey Shirk, 57, of 59 Factory St. in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice; Pennsylvania, simple assault.

8:54 a.m. - An erratic operator drove on East Street by the Warehouse at Demoulas. The vehicle almost struck three telephone poles along the way. It may be a female operator. There was something clearly wrong as the car pulled over the side of the road. A minute later, it continued towards Route 93. The car went up the ramp 93 South. State police were notified.

3:40 p.m. - Fed Ex dropped off golf clubs at Pleasant Street for home owner. Home owner reported they were stolen. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, March 3

1:21 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle for a motor vehicle violation at East Street and Shawshen Street. Ryan Anderson, 29, of 440 North Ave. in Haverhill, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery on a household member.

6:59 a.m. - A male was sleeping on the benches at Livingston Street. Police sent. Party was spoken to and checked out.

7:19 a.m. - Erratic operator on Whipple Road. Officer stopped a vehicle early that morning fitting the description. Police sent. Officer spoke to the party and she was fine.

12:34 a.m. - Call for a suspicious motor vehicle parked out in front of Eighth Street. Police sent. Everything checked out OK, sitting in front of his mother's house.

Wednesday, March 4

12:12 a.m. - Caller reported a couple suspicious parties at Cumberland Farms giving the clerk a hard

time. Police sent. Parties checked out.

3:43 a.m. - Police spoke with Town Fair Tire Center's parties for a suspicious activity. Party was checking out.

8:25 a.m. - Caller stated a needle in the bathroom at Cumberland Farms. Police sent. Officer cleared the hazard.

4:56 p.m. - A 911 call for an erratic driver at Shawshen Street and Lowe Street. Police sent. They stopped the motor vehicle. The operator checked out.

6:25 p.m. - A possible breaking and entering at Ferncroft Road. The caller believed she saw somebody inside the house when she pulled up to the house in her vehicle. Police sent. They checked the interior and exterior of the house. There was no signs of entry.

7:42 p.m. - Police issued parking citation to a motor vehicle for fire lane violation at Home Depot. Neil Miller, 63, of 130 Secor Way in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and bat-

tery.

Thursday, March 5

12:40 a.m. - Officer spoke to the party that walked in. She claimed there were people walking through her backyard and that there were cameras in her backyard that do not belong to her. Officer filed a report.

1:12 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Greenmeadow Drive for defective equipment. James Owens, 48, of 9 Elson Road in Waltham, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs and marked lanes violation. Josue Rodriguez, 38, of 140 First St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and possession class A drugs. Jessica Brennan, 30, of 21 Ives St. in Worcester, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs.

11:54 a.m. - Police at River Road with a motor vehicle. Wilmarie Burgos, 35, of 1100 Essex St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant.

Friday, March 6

12:43 a.m. - Caller stated the cousin was making death threats at Hinckley Road. Police sent. Officer stayed on scene. He filed a report.

6:11 a.m. - Police sent to attempt a warrant at Motel 6. Andrei Sliker, 29, of 17 Carter St. in Boston, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession class C drugs.

8:41 pm - Loss prevention from Walmart reported a female shoplifter in the office. Police sent. Theresa Foster, 41, of 74 Branch St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

9:07 p.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Jason Cormier, 42, of 365 East St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant from the Lynn District Court.

Saturday, March 7

12:46 a.m. - Caller reported male party would not leave the restaurant of Kyoto Steak House and tried to fight people. Police sent. Officer provided courtesy transportation for one male party. Officer filed a report.

1:47 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at John Street and Chandler Street after the car was left in the parking lot of Kyoto for a

protective custody. The male got back in the car and drove the vehicle. Officer sent. Thomas Fabiano, 30, of 70 John St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor.

3:53 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store for defective equipment. Eric Jalbert, 43, of 46 Richardson St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating motor vehicle with license suspended and number plate violation.

1:06 p.m. - Loss prevention from Walmart reported a shoplifter in custody. Police sent. Ryan Madelle, 26, of 52 Lincoln St. in Worcester, was arrested and charged with second offense of shoplifting.

Sunday, March 8

6:09 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Brock Demers, 34, of 21 Dudley St. in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operation motor vehicle with suspended license.

1:27 p.m. - Caller believed that the clerk fraudulently used his credit card to make a purchase at Circle K. Police spoke to caller who was calling from Maine. Police sent to speak with clerk. Officer filed a report.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Tewksbury resident arrested, charged with OUI

Friday, February 28:

3:31 a.m.: Police notified the Department of Public Works after a report of ice in the street by Frito Lay on Ballardvale Street. The area was sanded.

12:25 p.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with a reported odor of gas in a Middlesex Avenue home. The odor was caused by a broken pump in the residence's basement.

12:25 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Honda Accord and a Honda CR-V. No one was in-

jured and damage to the vehicles was minor.

12:45 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving an Audi S4 and a Chevrolet Equinox. No one was injured and the vehicles' airbags did not deploy.

4:29 p.m.: Two Toyota RAV4s were in a collision on Woburn Street. No one was injured.

Saturday, February 29:

10:32 a.m.: The Fire Department was notified of a brush fire between Exits

39 and 40 on I-93.

2:50 p.m.: Police called in the Fire Department to extinguish a smoldering patch of mulch on Wild Avenue.

3:20 p.m.: A Chevrolet Prizm was damaged in a hit and run while parked at Market Basket on Main Street. The vehicle had to be towed.

6:53 p.m.: A Mazda 5 and a Hyundai Sonata were in a collision at the intersection of Main Street and Mass Avenue. No one was injured, but the vehicles were towed.

8:16 p.m.: Jeremy Hansford, 42, of 3 Mark Road in Tewksbury was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle after he was found asleep at the wheel on Main Street.

Sunday, March 1:

3:21 p.m.: A Jeep Wrangler rolled over on Exit 38, causing the ramp to shut down temporarily.

4:14 p.m.: Police notified the Reading Municipal Light Department that balloons were caught on a

power line at the Shell Station on Main Street.

4:29 p.m.: Police cleared the area around a brush fire at Town Hall while the Fire Department extinguished it.

8:35 p.m.: A Kia Telluride and a Mercury Grand Marquis were in a collision in a Main Street parking lot. One of the vehicles was parked and belonged to a Panera worker who had been at work at the time. The other vehicle's driver left a note.

Monday, March 2:

10:37 a.m.: A deceased turkey was removed from the Morse Avenue area.

3:04 p.m.: A Toyota Camry and a BMW 528xi were in a collision at the intersection of Concord Street and Woburn Street. No one was injured and the vehicles did not deploy their airbags.

3:54 p.m.: A Fire Department medical vehicle responded due to injuries from a collision on Ramp 39. A Ford F-350 and a Mitsubishi Lancer were involved.

Tuesday, March 3:

10:56 a.m.: The owner of a Chevrolet Silverado reported a collision with an unknown Toyota Highlander on Main Street. According to the driver of the Silverado, the other driver may not have known that the vehicles collided. The Silverado was not damaged but there was damage to a

light on the Highlander.

2:06 p.m.: The Fire Department put out a fire behind a house on Liberty Street.

2:56 p.m.: A Nissan Murano with a trailer was in a collision with a Volvo at the intersection of Main Street and Middlesex Avenue. No one was injured.

Wednesday, March 4:

10:52 a.m.: The manager at the Dunkin Donuts on Lowell Street reported that a woman damaged the store's bathroom and left. The manager was able to provide the woman's license plate and police matched it to the vehicle.

2:38 p.m.: An officer removed a fallen tree from the road on by the intersection of Hopkins Street and Minkrun Road.

Thursday, March 5:

6:30 a.m.: A Chevrolet Impala, a Toyota Corolla, and a Toyota Highlander were in a collision on Middlesex Avenue. No one was injured in the collision.

1:56 p.m.: Police facilitated a paperwork exchange between the owners of a GMC Sierra and a Toyota Sienna at Richdale on Middlesex Avenue. Damage to the vehicles was minor.

2:46 p.m.: A school bus with students was in a collision with a Ford F-250 on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

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## Friends of the Library to host jewelry sale fundraiser



▲ Friends of the Summit Public Library, Summit New Jersey who host an annual Jewelry Sale and have provided lots of tips to the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library. (Courtesy photo)

By **TINA STEWART**  
Library Director

The Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library raise funds to benefit our local public library in order to support library programming, special events and more. For the first time, the Friends are planning to host a "preowned" jewelry sale on Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prior to the sale, the Friends are seeking your gently used jewelry. Now is the opportunity to donate that lovely jewelry given as a gift that you have seldom worn or jewelry you just no longer use. Please bring your jewelry donations to the main desk on the first floor of the library.

Please note that all donations should be in excellent condition. The Friends Jewelry Sale Committee will be sorting and pricing jewelry from \$1 to \$25 over the next few months in preparation for the sale. The jewelry sale on Saturday June 6 will give you the opportunity to buy some "new to you jewelry" at a very low cost while supporting the Wil-

mington Memorial Library.

There will be a special "Members Only" preview sale on Friday, June 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friends members can shopping while enjoying light refreshments. Friends who are not members may join at the door and take advantage of getting first dibs on the jewelry sale. Annual membership dues for an individual is \$10.

All Friends members are also encouraged to attend the Friends Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. After a brief business meeting, we will have some fun literary and library trivia and homemade refreshments.

Thank you to the Yoga Loft, Rocco's and Red Heat who donated prizes for the annual meeting. In addition, all attendees will receive a free ticket for the Go Green gift basket. The winner will be drawn that night. Plus, all attendees will have a chance to win a Google Home Mini.

New members are welcome to join at the door that evening. Remember Friends make a good library a great library!

## Senate Republicans target healthcare costs

BOSTON — Billions of dollars are spent on healthcare in the Commonwealth each year according to a recent state report. In 2018, more than \$60 billion was spent, a fact that has inspired Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) and members of the Senate Republican Caucus to introduce a bill to lower the cost of healthcare by giving consumers greater access to important cost and quality data, implementing tax credits, and giving a directive to state agencies to take steps that will yield consumer savings.

According to the state's Center For Health Information and Analysis, 2018 total healthcare expenditures data, a measure of statewide healthcare spending in the Commonwealth was \$8,827 for each resident, an increase of 3.1 percent from the year prior. Rising healthcare costs continue to impact households and employers, as well as municipal and state governments.

"We've worked hard to make the state's healthcare system robust and comprehensive; now it's vitally important to address those elements which make it too costly. We aim to take targeted actions where they can do the most good by empowering consumers to use the power of the marketplace while encouraging providers and insurers to pursue innovation and efficiency," said Senator Tarr. "We are of-

fering a bill that looks at the system the way a doctor treats a serious illness — first, understand the symptoms, inform the patient fully of the options, prescribe a course of action to combat the ailment, and monitor the effectiveness."

The bill, known as the Healthcare Consumer Health Options and Increased Care Efficiency act (CHOICE), takes a comprehensive approach at helping patients, employers, insurers and the government better understand the cost centers not only of specific procedures but also of the health care facilities performing them.

"The cost of healthcare in the Commonwealth and our country has reached a tipping point," said Senator O'Connor (R-Weymouth). "As legislators, we need to be pushing for policies that create greater cost-transparency, reduce the price of prescription drugs, and increase consumer choice. I am grateful for Senator Tarr's work to enact true, positive change to address healthcare costs in Massachusetts."

To expand transparency, insurance claims data, exclusive of personal information, would be made publically available and include costs on 100 of the most common inpatient stays, at least the 10 most expensive kinds of inpatient stays on average by payer, the 100 most com-

mon outpatient procedures, and the 10 most expensive kinds of outpatient procedures.

"Health care in the United States, particularly in the State of Massachusetts, is the best in the world. People from other countries come here to seek the top quality health care that is not offered anywhere else. Yet, the cost and access are still a tremendous burden to our own residents," said Senator Dean Tran (R-Fitchburg). "This bill is a great start to identifying the cost and access burden imposed on our residents and to make sure that impediments to acquiring health care are addressed."

"We should let consumers tap into already existing data that informs them of their range of choices and commensurate costs," said Tarr.

The bill also takes the following steps in expanding the transparency and efficiency of the health care market:

- Requires claims databases be available to payers and providers in real-time,
- Empowers patients to contain costs by choosing a high value provider based on cost and quality of care,
- Requires the Commissioner of Insurance to set up regulations for the licensing and auditing of pharmacy benefit managers,
- Repeals the use of gag clauses which prevent

pharmacists from informing a consumer when medications can be purchased at a lower cost by paying out-of-pocket as opposed to using their insurance, and

- Extends the sunset of the prescription drug coupon program to January 1, 2030.

In-state pharmacy spending totaled \$9.9 billion in 2018 which is a 5.8 percent increase from 2017, a pace far surpassing the national inflation rate.

To promote consumer savings, the legislation increases access to tax credits and tax exemptions, it:

- Exempts diabetic supplies such as insulin, lancets, and test strips from state sales tax,
- Creates a Long-term Insurance Personal Income Tax Credit, equal to 20 percent of the premiums paid, for individuals enrolled in a long-term insurance policy, and
- Extends the Wellness Program Tax Credit, which expired at the end of 2017, to provide employ-

er incentives for offering worker wellness programs. This tax credit will provide smaller businesses with expanded opportunities to implement these programs.

In addition, the bill makes other important contributions to empower consumers with greater access to healthcare resources and providers by reforming antiquated regulations and expanding opportunities for care management by:

- Setting guidelines for telemedicine to increase access to services, such as behavioral health, to reduce reliance on Emergency Departments and other healthcare overutilization,
- Expanding the scope of practice for optometrists, podiatrists, and advanced practice nurses in order to expand access to cost-effective care,
- Requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to seek a federal waiver to allow for the inclusion of spouses as fam-

ily members who may serve as paid caregivers in relevant home and community service programs,

- Striking a decades old prohibition on skilled nursing facilities working with community partners to provide outpatient medical and social services in nursing facilities, and

- Implementing a three-year pilot care management program focused on asthma, diabetes, congestive heart failure, and other high risk illness for high need individuals.

Consumers will find the new tools in the bill helpful when making healthcare purchasing decisions based on comparative cost and quality.

"At its core, the CHOICE bill will have long-lasting positive impacts on the cost and quality of health care for the people of Massachusetts because it supports consumers rather than competing with health insurance companies, employers, and doctors," said Tarr.



### Chamber Corner

Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce  
226 Lowell St., Suite B4A  
Wilmington, MA 01887 [www.WilmingtonTewksburyChamber.org](http://www.WilmingtonTewksburyChamber.org)

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### Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

**Community Health & Wellness Fair**  
Date: Saturday, March 14  
Time: 9:00 am – 12 Noon  
Place: Wilmington K of C  
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**50 local vendors with info.,**  
**raffles, giveaways**

**Multi-Chamber Regional Networking**  
Date: Thursday, March 19  
Time: 4:00 pm – Cyber Security Presentation  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Networking  
Place: Crowne Plaza Boston/Woburn Hotel  
Cost: \$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

**Chamber GOLF Classic**  
Date: Monday, April 27  
Time: 7 am – Registration  
8 am – Shotgun Start/Scramble  
Place: Tewksbury Country Club  
Cost: \$125 Per Player  
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Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.

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## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

## PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO A  
SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 30, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Arthur Cerullo on behalf of Cerullo Development, LLC** for a Modification to a Site Plan Special Permit to request changes to Condition No. 15 of the special permit as it relates to affordable housing as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1325 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 60, Lot 69, zoned Commercial, Residential, Groundwater Protection District, and Village Mixed-Use Overlay.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson, Chair  
200244 3/11,18/20

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

## PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT  
MODIFICATION TO A  
DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 30, 2020 at 7:15 P.M.** at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **David J. Plunkett, Esq. on behalf of Southern End Realty LLC** for a Modification to a Special Permit (SP2019-14) Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land 1428 & 1420 Andover Street to eliminate transfer of small triangular parcel from the parcel located at 1428 Andover Street to the H/O Association as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1420 Andover Street (Naomi Way)**, Assessor's Map 39, Lot 10, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson, Chair  
200072 3/11,18/20

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **American Outdoor Advertising Company MA LLC on behalf of p/8 Oliver 150 Dascomb LLC c/o AEW Capital Management**, for a variance from Section 5291 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaws to install an electronic message center sign/billboard as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **150 Dascomb Road**, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 26 zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Dugan, Chairman  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



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THE TRIAL COURT  
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FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P1178EA

Estate of:  
Paul Kenneth LeBrun  
Also Known As:  
Paul K. Le Brun  
Date of Death:  
December 16, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Janice S. Harmen of Tewksbury MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Janice S. Harmen of Tewksbury MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

200294 3/11/20

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

## PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR  
AMENDED ORDER  
OF CONDITIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing **March 18, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Synarcpha Tewksbury, LLC** for a Request for Amended Order of Conditions to construct two new access roads and add material to an existing access road as part of a previously approved solar photovoltaic and battery storage development in the Sutton Brook Disposal Area. Proposed work is within the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands and within bordering land subject to flooding. Said Property is located at **South Street**, Map 109-70, **1057 South Street/Behind Map 108 Lot 35, and Serenity Road/Behind Map 108 Lot 34.**

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x255), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stefania Gallo  
Conservation Agent/Planner  
200298 3/11/20

## LEGAL NOTICE



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CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI20C0111CA

In the matter of: **Erica Lindsay Wells**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Erica Lindsay Wells of Tewksbury MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing her name to: **Erica Lindsay Satin-Hernandez**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/27/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 28, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
200290 3/11/20

## LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Gerard A. Kulevich and Jessica M. Kulevich to First Franklin a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated July 21, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 19024, Page 262, subsequently assigned to First Franklin Financial Corporation by First Franklin, a Division of National City Bank of Indiana by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 20006, Page 90, subsequently assigned to National City Bank by First Franklin Financial Corporation by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 23152, Page 227 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on March 25, 2020 at 71 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "Plan of Property surveyed for

Eldon H. Durkee, Wilmington, Mass." dated November 23, 1951, by AN. Eames, Surveyor, duly recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 81, Plan 137 and bounded and described as follows: NORTH WESTERLY by Middlesex Avenue, Seventy-One and 78/100 (71.78) feet; NORTHERLY by the curve of said Middlesex Avenue and central Street, Thirty-One and 23/100 (31.23) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by Central Street, in two courses totaling Eighty-One and 28/100 (81.28) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Walsh, One Hundred (100) feet; and, SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Nolan, Ninety-Seven and 10/100 (97.10) feet. Containing 9075 square feet of land more or less. For title see deed recorded prior hereto.

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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## Sheriff Koutoujian to co-chair National Re-Entry Programs and Initiatives Working Group

MEDFORD — Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian has been tapped to co-chair a corrections and re-entry-focused working group for the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

The Commission was authorized by executive order last October, with the 18 members having been formally appointed in January by Attorney General Bill Barr. The Commission — chaired by Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office Director Phil Keith — is tasked with exploring modern issues affecting law enforcement that most impact the ability of American policing to reduce crime.

As co-chair of the Re-entry Programs and Initiatives Working Group, Sheriff Koutoujian and other members of the panel will advise the Commission on "how prisoner programming and post-custodial rehabilitation initiatives can reduce recidivism and im-

prove the quality of life for criminal offenders and their communities."

"Ensuring those placed in the custody of our nation's jails and prisons have access to targeted programming, continuity of care and appropriate levels of post-release supervision are key to improving outcomes for individuals, families and our communities," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "I believe that by tailoring and targeting our efforts to the specific underlying needs of individuals — as we have in Middlesex County with our medication-assisted treatment, incarcerated veterans and emerging adults programs — we will better enhance public safety. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure we provide Commission members with the best and most well-informed advice and support as we carry out our work in the months ahead."

15 working groups in total will assist the Commission, with panels

looking at issues including: victim services; officer safety, health and wellness; data and reporting; grant programs; juvenile justice and youth crime; and technology.

"The Working Groups are a critical component of the Attorney General's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, as they cover wide ranging issues and themes impacting law enforcement, criminal justice components and our communities — everything from entire community groups to individuals in law enforcement," said Director Keith. "Each working group member's diverse perspectives and experiences will provide tremendous value to the Commission's overall mission."

To learn more about the Commission, the working groups and members of both, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/ag/pre-sidential-commission-law-enforcement-and-administration-justice>.

## Five students named to Dean's List at U of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, CT — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Joshua Buske of Wilmington has been named to its Dean's List for Fall 2019, as well as

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## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
BOARD OF APPEALS

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 5-20  
Jaret Balter  
9 Cushing Drive  
Map 21, Parcel 8E

To acquire a Special Permit \$6,677 for the Ground Water Protection District

Case 6-20  
Wilmington Fourth of July  
Celebration, Inc  
140-150 Middlesex Ave/  
Swain School Lot  
Map 52/66, Parcel 38/1

To acquire a Special Permit \$4,199 for a carnival to run from July 1, 2020 to July 5, 2020

Case 7-18  
Bettering, LLC  
362 Middlesex Avenue  
Map 89, Parcel 6A

Request dated 1/31/2020 for accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Fair Housing Amendments Act and Rehabilitation Act to allow the construction of a forty-eight (48) bed rehabilitation facility over the site of the razed building, in accordance with modified plans available for viewing at the office of the Board of Appeals  
200249 3/4,11/20

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Michael A. Sclarra on behalf of Michael A. Sclarra and Delia A. Sclarra** for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B for side yard setbacks, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a 24' x 24' garage as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **147 Bradford Road**, Assessor's Map 111, Lot 50 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Dugan, Chairman  
200292 3/11,18/20

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

## PUBLIC HEARING

## SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 30, 2020 at 7:05 P.M.** at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **New Hampshire Signs on behalf of HEG 2221 Main Street LLC** for a Sign Special Permit to replace existing free standing sign and install LED fuel prices as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **2221 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 96, Lot 47, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson, Chairman  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Ground Lease of  
Municipal Real Estate for  
Wireless Communications  
Facilities

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16, the Town of Tewksbury is soliciting sealed proposals for a ground lease for a portion of Town-owned land located at 90 Victor Drive, Tax Map 73, Lot 19, for the purpose of erecting, operating, and maintaining one wireless communications tower facility and related equipment for a term of up to twenty (20) years.

An RFP Package containing information relative to the submission requirements is available at the Town Manager's office located at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Hours are Monday thru Friday, from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, or by calling 978-640-4300.

Proposals must be submitted by April 6, 2020 at 11:00 AM.  
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## School Committee hears update on changing school start times

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outreach portion of the schedule as early as possible.

"I think we want to make sure we utilize that time before the end of the school year as well as we can to really get the community well informed," Ragsdale said.

The Start Time Committee representatives presented both research contextualizing the need for change, and potential action items. According to Gorassi, research has been sought both to motivate the change in start times and avoid confirmation bias. She noted that an abundance of research has suggested that starting school later is better for students.

"When students get more sleep and start school later, all these very adverse unsafe behaviors drop," Gorassi said.

Merenda noted that there will be surveys for a variety of different stakeholder groups, as

well as a community forum.

"(There will be) many different opportunities for everybody involved, to have a voice, to have a say, to have a place to not only find information, but to share information," Merenda said.

Welch elaborated on the guidelines that the committee is using to develop proposed schedule options.

"We try to keep a very broad base of what we're looking at, but we do have some general parameters that we're trying to stick to," said Welch.

He noted that the district aims to keep any student from being at a bus stop prior to 7 a.m., to use start times motivated by research, and to develop a schedule conducive to extracurricular activities.

He also added a bus pass program may be used in the 2020/2021 school year to better assess bus ridership (there would be no cost to families associated with the program).

## McQuilken set to challenge Moulton in primary

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and protect the environment, we need to give people safe and reliable transportation," he said. "Our current system is literally on fire on a regular basis."

He also wants to uphold economic development by protecting the federal resources fueling our development: the National Institute of Health and the National Cancer Institute — both of which would receive cuts in

President Trump's proposed 2021 fiscal budget.

Finally, he sees the importance of making sure young people have access to affordable education.

"Students taking on enormous burdens of student loan debt limits the choices they can make after college in terms of their career, where to live, and when to start a family."

McQuilken also knows that there will be even more issues to work on, but these are the ones he's the most invested in after

listening to the concerns of voters and their families.

In addition to addressing these concerns, he's heard from the people in the district what kind of candidate they're looking for in Congress.

"They want a candidate who's going to show up and have a visible presence in communities," McQuilken added. "Someone who's going to focus on the job they have now and not on the job they want next."

He shared that it's im-

portant to voters that their Congressperson has a seat at the table and hasn't burned bridges with other members of Congress.

"More than anything else, people want a member of Congress who can get results, and that's what I've been doing for the past 30 years."

McQuilken invites anyone who cares about change to get involved in his campaign for change for the 6th district in Congress.

## Program shares important women in suffrage

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care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation."

"The Road to the Vote" took attendees on a tour of Boston between the Seneca Falls Convention, which is regarded as the birthplace of the Suffrage Movement, all the way to when the 19th Amendment was ratified and passed. The tour included landmarks of women's history, statues and sculptures honoring the legacies of influential suffragists, and going into the accomplishments and profiles of these bold and powerful women.

The Boston Women's Heritage Trail has had a hand in preserving and restoring the history of Women's Suffrage back to the streets of Boston. The group helped bring the Boston's Women's Memorial to Commonwealth Avenue, at Fairfield Street, in 2003.

Meredith Bergmann sculpted three statues, each paying respect to an influential woman of the suffrage movement. The three ladies featured are Abigail Adams, Lucy Stone, and Phillis Wheatley.

Stone was the leader of the New England suffrage movement, co-founder of the suffrage newspaper *The Women's Journal*, an active abolitionist, one of the first women in Massachusetts to earn a college degree, as she did from Oberlin in 1847, helped organize the first National Women's Rights Convention in Worcester, founded the American Women's Suffrage Association, and was the first married woman to keep her family name. She is regarded

as the "morning star" of suffrage, and her daughter, Alice Stone Blackwell, carried the torch.

Phillis Wheatley was the first African American poet published in book form, rose from slavery after being sold to the Wheatley family in Boston, and became a writer of international acclaim. Today, she is regarded as the mother of African American Literature.

Goals of the BWHT include renaming more Boston Schools after women,

as only 10 of the 125 schools in Boston are named after women. Plans for a statue in New York City's Central Park based on women from the suffrage movement are in motion, and the BWHT is driven to bring it to life, thanks once again to the help of Bergmann.

As of right now, there are three statues in Central Park of women, and all of them are fictional (Alice in Wonderland, The Secret Garden, and the Angel of the Waters/Bethesda Fountain).

At the end of her presentation, Dibble brought the movement to the modern day, as suffrage is still an issue today for women of color. The Voting Rights Act of 1965, originally passed to eliminate racial discrimination in voting, was edited and revised in 2013 to remove some of the original parts. Dibble emphasized the importance of voting rights today and how women should rally together to ensure that we do not regress as a society, and let the removal of rights for women of color blind-side citizens.

As she brought her time to a close, Dibble had one important message for the women in the room:

"Thank you very much. And vote! Vote! Vote!"



Thanks readers!

Wilmington Police sent out a special thanks to Mrs. Raab and their mystery readers, Mrs. Ferguson and Officer Stebbins for sharing their love of reading with everyone! "It was great seeing all our students and families, too!" they added.

(Courtesy photo)

## Three students named to Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, VT — The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2019 semester.

• Sarah J. Benson, a Senior sociology - anthropology and education studies major from Tewksbury and a graduate of Central Catholic

High School.

• Isabella M. Cigna, a Senior media studies - digital arts major from Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School.

• Colin M. Scanlon, a Senior psychology major from Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School.



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## Last call for Good Guy nominations

WILMINGTON — Crunch time is here! Final nominations for the 2020 Wilmington Good Guy Award are due by 5 p.m. on Friday March 20. Don't delay any longer!

If you know the person who deserves to be named as this year's Good Guy, he or she must be nominated along with an explanation of how they have best served the community. All of the past honorees have been involved in the community for many

years, donating their time and talents.

Good Guys are the people you seek out when you need something done, and there are no funds or plans to support it. They are volunteers who step up when the need is greatest. They get involved, provide leadership, display teamwork, and follow through in so many ways to make Wilmington a great place to live.

Please tell us about this individual! What sets them

apart from the others?

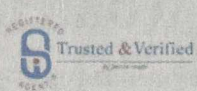
Nominations must be received by Friday March 20 and can be mailed to the Wilmington Good Guy Committee at 9 Reed St. Wilmington 01887, or e-mailed to [wgoodguy@verizon.net](mailto:wgoodguy@verizon.net).

This year's winner will be honored on May 8 at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall with a dinner and a good-natured "Roast." (Corona-virus permitting).



## Mini golf fundraiser scores a hole-in-one

BSA Troop 126 in Wilmington hosted a mini golf fundraiser on Saturday, March 7 at Villanova Hall. Visitors enjoyed 18 holes that featured everything from lobster traps to a plinko board. Thank you to all who came out to support the troop and a special thank you to our sponsors. (Courtesy photo)



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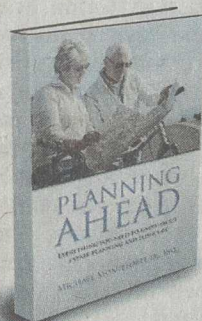
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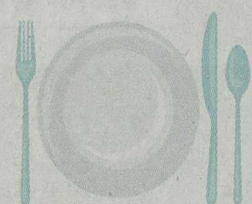
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## Baldi to compete in the U16 Eastern U.S. Ski Championship Meet

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

WILMINGTON - After learning to ski at the age of three, and having competed since the age of six, there is very little that Wilmington resident Colleen Baldi has not seen on the slopes.

But coming up next week, the 15-year old freshman at Wilmington High School will be in for a new experience, when she competes in the U16 Eastern U.S. Championships at Burke Mountain, in Burke Vermont.

The event, which brings together some of the best

Slalom), with two runs in each event and finish in the top 15 in at least two of the events. And if that isn't tough enough, a skier must also complete both runs of each event. In other words, if you fall you are out. So theoretically, you can finish first in one of your runs and fall in your next one, and you won't qualify.

Now, that's a lot of pressure for any 15-year old to face, regardless of their experience.

"It really can be stressful, because there are two runs in every race and even if you do really well in one run, if fall in the other, you don't make it so

the Games in 2010 and 2014.

"I train both days every weekend pretty much from Thanksgiving on. For the past two years I have gone out to Copper Mountain in Colorado for a week, around Thanksgiving with my teammates and coach, and that is the start of training for me," Baldi said.

Training season makes for long days, starting at 7:30 in the morning and going until around 10:00 a.m. and then after a break, she hits the slopes again from around noon until 3:00. Vacation weeks involve an even busier



Wilmington resident Danielle Baldi will be competing in the Under-16 Eastern U.S. Ski Championship Meet to be held in Vermont from March 17-22. (courtesy photo).

young skiers in the eastern region will be held from March 17-22, with Baldi competing in two different events for the New Hampshire State Ski team, the Super G, and the Giant Slalom.

Baldi has already turned in some remarkable performances just to qualify for the championship event, posting some great finishes in both the Super G and the Giant slalom in order to earn a spot onto the New Hampshire State Ski team. Baldi turned in a pair of pressure packed performances over the past couple of months to earn her spot.

She started with an eighth place finish in the Super G at Attitash Mountain in Bartlett, New Hampshire in January and followed that up with a 13th place finish in the Giant Slalom at Loon Mountain in Franconia, New Hampshire in mid-February.

Qualifying for the championships is no easy task, as in order to do so, a skier must compete in three different events (Super G, Giant Slalom,

there is a lot of pressure," Baldi said. "Sometimes going through the course at a very high speed I can get nervous, but I try to stay calm."

As much as Baldi has been through plenty of high stress events against some great competition during her racing career, even she was able to take a moment to savor what she had done in a pair of clutch performances.

"It was definitely exciting because it is really hard to make it, and it is like next level for me," Baldi said. "If I did not qualify, I would have gone to a different event, but because I did, I qualified for the championship, so I am very proud of myself."

Her success has not happened by accident. Not only has she been on skis since she was three years old, in recent years she has taken her training regimen to an even higher level than in previous years. This is her second year with the Mount Washington Valley Ski team, which is coached by former Olympian Leeann Smith, who qualified for

schedule with training every day, but it is all worth it when she is able to qualify for such a prestigious event like the one coming up next week.

As she heads into what will probably be the most challenging event of her young career, Baldi is confident, but realistic about her chances. One thing that is certain is that those competing against her will get the best she has to offer.

"Honestly, I am not sure how I will do. I am going to try my hardest, but I really don't know where I am going to place," Baldi said. "The kids I am going against are very good. A lot of them are Academy Kids, which means they are skiing every day and have a lot more experience."

"I am more focused on making sure my turns are clean and that I am turning early enough, and just making sure I am doing the best I can. I want a good time, but I am not really focused on it, I am more focused on doing what I need to do to be my best."



Wilmington High freshman Danielle Baldi has earned a spot on the New Hampshire State Ski Team. (courtesy photo).



Wilmington resident Cam Gendron committed to play hockey at the University of New Hampshire starting this September. (courtesy photo).

Former Central Catholic player committed to UNH

## Gendron makes leap to play in Hockey East

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

WILMINGTON - From the time he was a young boy and just learning to skate, Cam Gendron knew he loved the game of hockey. And as he grew up and developed his skills, it became pretty apparent that not only did he love the game, but he was also pretty darn good at it.

So good in fact, that he went on to a prolific career, first with several youth leagues and then for a pair of prominent high school programs, first with Central Catholic High School for his freshman and sophomore years, and then with the Winchendon School, until he graduated in 2018.

And now those great skills have taken him to one of the premier college hockey leagues in the entire country, as the 21-year old Wilmington native recently committed to continue his education and his hockey career at the University of New Hampshire beginning this September. Needless to say, Gendron is thrilled to be joining the Wildcats.

"It's a dream come true. I grew up watching Hockey East and I went to a lot of Beanpot games with BU, BC and Northeastern and I went to a lot of UNH games as well," Gendron said. "In fact, the first college game I ever went to was a UNH game when I was about eight years old, so it was interesting how that worked out. I am glad I

am getting to play close to home and close to my family."

A player of Gendron's talents obviously had other opportunities to continue his career, but UNH, where he will major in business, stood out to him and he couldn't be happier with his decision.

"It was just their strong culture," Gendron said. "From the start, I had a very good relationship with (associate head coach) coach (Glenn) Stewart and the other coaches. Coach Stewart reached out to me and made me feel comfortable right away. They expressed a lot of interest, and that meant a lot."

UNH also had a bit of a built in advantage over any other schools who might have been interested in Gendron. Along with getting an early start as a UNH fan, Gendron had also become familiar with the school from his brother Nick, who graduated from the school in 2018. While Nick did not play hockey for the Wildcats, Cam got a great feel for other aspects of the University during his brother's time there.

"I got a little taste of what UNH was like from him and got to experience campus life from his perspective and I really enjoyed it and I think I will really enjoy being a student there," Gendron said.

While Gendron is thrilled to be joining the Wildcats, it is likely he will provide plenty of thrills for UNH

as well. After all, this is a player who cracked the Central Catholic lineup as just a freshman during the 2014-2015 season, and played a key role in helping the Raiders qualify for two straight Super 8 Tournaments.

He then moved on to the Winchendon School, where he continued his great play, scoring nine goals and adding 21 assists as a junior, before having a monster senior season with 19 goals and 31 assists for 50 points in just 28 games against great competition.

"I really enjoyed Central Catholic and I can't say enough good things about my time there, but I wanted to step out of my comfort zone a little and the Winchendon School allowed me to do that," Gendron said.

It most certainly did, as not only did Gendron take his game to another level as a player, but it made him grow as a person as well.

"It was a big step in my life, living away from home and they were some of the best years of my life. It was just great being around my teammates and classmates all the time," Gendron said. "They have a tight, small campus and it was always a great feeling to have a game where everybody would come to it, and then talk about it the next day with your friends and classmates. Being there had huge impact on my

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# Sitting down for a Q&A with new WHS AD Mia Muzio

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON - On Monday afternoon, Town Crier Sports Editor Jamie Pote sat down with the newly named Wilmington High School Athletic Director Mia Muzio for a 40-minute long interview. Muzio, who will take over on a full-time basis on July 1st, has verbally agreed to contract terms and will officially sign her contract in the upcoming days. In the interview, we touched on a large amount of different topics, and the questions and her responses are below.

**What are your thoughts on the process you went through here to get the position?**

It was definitely very involved. Last year I did six or seven interviews across the state, so I'm a little bit used to the step-by-step process. This was the first one that involved a public forum. Public speaking is not a fear of mine but it's definitely not by strongest suit. I say 'um' a lot and I try to work on that, but I think it was a good process to go through.

Sitting down in front of the first panel is the first tell-all if you are going to be able to make it to the next round. It's good to talk to those people as I think you get a sense of the community. Then you have the public forum and that's a little bit different. You tend to get the people who really have something to say. It's just hard to express yourself in that situation. It's difficult but at the same time you get a lot of information because people will tell you what is needed and what they are looking for. It was definitely a good opportunity.

To meet with the kids was awesome and it was good to interact and the same with the coaches and the staff. That second round was just a really good way of getting to know everyone.

It's easy to say that you're all in and then you get somewhere and it's like 'oh no' but I thought this was an awesome opportunity. Also having (Wilmington School Administrators) come to my school was something that I never experienced before either. Not being in the room was a little difficult but if you are really looking for an all encompassing view, you have to go through those steps. Talking to people who actually work for someone, beyond just their references, is just a lot of good insight to have.

You mentioned that you have interviewed at other places, where, and why have you been applying elsewhere?

I was a finalist in Fitchburg, I made it to the second round in Scituate and also went to the second round at Dover-Sherborn and was one of the two finalists at Triton Regional (the other being former WHS AD Tim Alberts, who was named the AD). I was just looking for somewhere to stay.

Weymouth has been great and it's been such an amazing experience. I definitely have learned a lot more than I thought I would at this point, but I certainly had to go through all of that. I had to be a part of a community that had that large number of kids, a school that has a lot going on and going through some changes so it could get me in the right position to get into the right Athletic Department.

Being an Athletic Assistant, I was used to the fast pace of an athletic department, but being in that position (of an Athletic Director) at Weymouth, because there's so many kids, there's so many student-athletes, there's so many sports - we have so many it's unreal - (taught me a lot). We have boys volleyball, rugby and it's just a big school and community. There's 29 programs, 61 different teams and about 1,900 students in the school.

I think being there was the best thing I could have done to prepare myself for a situation like this here in Wilmington. I have been able to do so much, too and I probably wouldn't have been able to come into another place and make some changes that I have. I'm very grateful to every-

one at Weymouth.

**What have you learned as an AD at Weymouth?**

Working to implement things for kids that goes beyond just playing. We have been able to send a lot of kids to many of the MIAA workshops, develop an Athletic Guide (handbook), running a middle school athletic program and just focusing in on organizing the department as well. It's been a transition role.

Before I took over last July 15th, Peter Umbrianna, was an interim for a year and he is now at Scituate. Before him was Kevin Mackin and he was there for a while maybe since 2003. It's just been a lot of transition in that office with three people serving over three years. The (department) just needed a push in the right direction, a little bit of purging away from things from 20 years ago. I think we just tried to put things into place where kids can hold onto - whether it's having guest speakers about leadership and right now we're working on having a captains council. I didn't get to implement that this year, but I put everything into place for it to start next year.

We recently reinstated the (Weymouth High School) Hall of Fame and that is in the works. They haven't had that since 2003 so it's exciting to see the influx of how many people will be nominated (for the next induction class). It was pretty inspiring to watch all of these people come together and figure out how are we going to do this, what the process is going to be since we haven't done it in so long and that sort of thing.

We also have done the letters and pins for the varsity athletes. Those little things but there's still a lot of work that needs to be done there. I'm hoping to button up a few things there before I leave and ensure that the person that comes in continues with all of the hard work the coaches and staff have put in.

**What are you most proud of during your time at Weymouth?**

Yes, those things I just mentioned, but getting the coaches to buy into the things you want to implement. There's been so many things and the lists is pretty extensive. Overall, though, the organizational piece was the big thing. I worked to improve on the cohesiveness of the athletic department, whether that was having Booster Club Meetings with all of the Booster groups from every team so we could get everyone on the same page, doing a Booster three-year plan, and developing captain selection protocol, or updating the athletic website.

We have a strength and conditioning room that Coach Pat O'Toole runs, it's a pretty cool place. We had the Boosters group rally around him so he could he do his thing, so they raised money just for that. The Athletic Department has some money, but to run a strength and conditioning program is a lot more involved and now he has his own Booster program, his own fundraisers and they all go to him so he can update his equipment.

We have also found uniforms and things that have been there since the 1970s, so it's been a challenge for sure, but I go to work every day and ten hours passes faster than you realize. I may not be able to get everything done that I wanted to for that day, but it's all such a good experience.

**What attracted you or what do you know about Wilmington?**

Wilmington was in the Cape Ann League and always a powerhouse when I was in high school at Rockport. We would always dread coming to play against them but watching growth and development and moving out of the Cape Ann League and going to the Middlesex League, I want to be in a strong (athletic league) with great communities.

I have always been drawn to the Cape Ann League, but now working at Weymouth, I like the idea of (playing against) some bigger schools. I think there's 900 kids here at Wilmington

and there seems to be a lot of pride here from what I gather.

When I first started my coaching career with the North Reading Field Hockey team, I would scrimmage Wilmington so I got to know (Coach) Leanne (Ebert) and she was just awesome to play against. Plus being on the North Shore is a big piece for me. I like it here, I like the communities that are here, I like the coach connections that I have here and the Athletic Director connections that I have. It's not to say that its different anywhere else, but from Hamilton-Wenham to Rockport and just everyone in the Cape Ann League that grew up with me as an athlete, or worked with me when I was at (Triton, Hamilton-Wenham and North Reading) have all kind of moved me to where I want to go.

I do need to learn some more about Wilmington. Absolutely and that's certainly on my to-do list, but I think new school, a strong community, good kids, a strong athletic program (is a good place to start). The Middlesex League is certainly a tough league, but I think that provides a challenge and that's a challenge I'm looking forward of taking on. Building athletic programs happens from the ground up and I talked about that a lot in the public forum. You need to lay down the right foundation and you end up with successful teams, just like the (WHS) girls basketball program.

I think it's good to stay in a challenging league and ultimately you end up rising to the occasion, but it's hard when you struggle a lot. I know all about that coming from Rockport. We often struggled in the Cape Ann League, specifically in Field Hockey. It's hard when it comes to those certain sports, but I think there's certain things that can get implemented that push programs in the right direction.

People talk about keeping kids here at the school and there's so many ways you can keep kids here. You won't keep them all. It just won't happen at any school. But by going down to the youth programs, talking to the elementary school kids, being in the middle schools, that's how you keep kids. I know winning also keeps kids, but you need to get those kids to where they want to be and then you start winning games.

**What is your plan of having the WHS Athletic Department and sports programs more involved with the youth programs here in town?**

Right now my Weymouth Baseball Coach is having his senior players go out to the elementary schools in town and they are reading books about baseball to the kids, while being in their baseball uniforms. It's just little things like that where a little kid will be like 'whoa'. There's a lot of things that can be done (to keep kids here) but I think it's also going to take me some time. I'll need to be in here for a while, see things for myself and try to figure out what's a priority.

**What did you gather as priorities from that open forum?**

There were a lot of concerns. I think money came up quite a bit, in regards to uniforms, equipment, fundraising and how you keep everyone at the level they should be at in terms of outfitting the kids with what they need to play their sport. And Wilmington doesn't have user's fees. That's a challenge in itself. The camps during the summer are an awesome opportunity to create some funds.

Fundraising I think has become just so monotonous. Parents don't want to do it anymore because they have to do the same thing over and over again. I think here, it's about looking at what the bigger fundraisers are - having a car show in the parking lot so you have everyone with an antique car within a 50-mile radius and they pay fifty bucks to park their car. It's little things like that.

I talked about the corn-hole event, which I think is awesome and you would probably have to make it 21-plus, so there's just some great opportunities to do less fundraising but get



On Monday afternoon, newly named WHS Athletic Director Mia Muzio sat down with the Town Crier for an extensive interview. She will officially take over on July 1st. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

more money. There's huge opportunities to do these big fundraisers that benefit every team, instead of having every sport do ten fundraisers. That will get the uniforms, it'll get new equipment, new mats for the cheerleaders and things like that they are significant costs. We ran into that at Weymouth. We have user fees, but we have a lot of costs because we have so many kids, so many athletes, so many different teams so it's definitely been difficult.

**Do you have any other concerns or do you have things that you like about what you have heard about Wilmington?**

I think talking to those parents - and not everyone is going to agree with me on this - was nice to hear that people want to voice their concerns instead of internalizing them and waiting, waiting and waiting. They should want the best for their kids, they should advocate for their kids and they should do everything in their power to help their kids what they need. Not everyone will go on to become a professional athlete, but that doesn't matter because I think we should be able to go out and get the kids what they need.

I've talked to a lot of people in Weymouth about this and kids today really care particularly on how they look. How they look is how they present themselves and how they present themselves is how they carry themselves. If you are putting kids in a position to be confident about who they are, about being on a team, about having some pride being in their school, it often changes things more than people think. Uniforms are expensive but I think giving those kids an opportunity to have those things just reinvigorates school pride.

A lot of what came out of the forum with the students and the adults was just the (lack of) basic school pride.

When I went to the girls' basketball team's game against Dracut, what I saw in the gym was definitely school pride. There were a lot of kids there which was great and everyone was calm which was nice and everyone was cheering each other on, kids and parents. We're in a time now where parents don't always act the way they should at games, but it was really nice to see the support from everyone.

It's hard to generate school pride because often times school pride is predicated on winning. There's a way to turn it around to get better school pride and to push that into winning. There's obviously a lot of work that needs to be done in that area, especially when the concerns are coming from the kids, but the change won't happen overnight. I do think though that there's plenty of opportunities for kids to rally around each other, to be in their own communities and to be involved in their own communities.

You can't be at everything as an AD. It doesn't work - you are not 12 people. Spending time at youth games, working with youth clinics and taking time to get out of your office is really difficult. People think that's easier said than it is, but it's very difficult. You get up to leave and your phone rings or the alert goes off for an email, but you are like 'nope, I have to

go'. If you have to come to an event on a Saturday then you do. Prior to my athletic director experience, I was a coach and I held three jobs just to get where I wanted to go and be an AD. If you have to put in the hours, then that's what you have to do.

It's definitely a lot of work and not an easy task but once you get the coaches to buy-in, the students to buy-in, the community to buy-in, then everyone is onboard.

For me, it's just a no-brainer because I just immerse myself into everything I do. When I got the Weymouth position, everyone kept telling me that I had to observe for a year and I went into that thinking that way because that's what a lot of people in my life told me to do, but after three weeks I was like 'no, I'm done with that'. You just have to get into it and do what you think is right. I'd rather get thrown in.

I'm absolutely an observer. If there's things that I observe that have to be changed, that's the first thing I'll start with and I'll figure out what's the best way to change this and how can we all make this better. I just immerse myself into everything. People sometimes think that I go overboard. I have coaches who email me at 11 pm on a Saturday night and there's been times when I immediately respond to them, and they'll say 'what are you doing' but I'm on my couch working. That's just who I am.

People will ask me if I love my job and yes, absolutely I do. Obviously people need a break sometimes, but I do love my job. I wouldn't have spent all of this time, effort and energy to get here. It's not been an easy road. It's taken me a long time. I thought once I got done with Grad School, it would be like 'oh yeah, here's an AD job wherever you want' but it doesn't work that way. If someone told me when I was in high school playing field hockey that I would eventually become the AD at Wilmington High, I would have told them that they were out of their mind. Since high school, I have known that this is what I want to do so I don't want to waste anyone's time.

You may or may not know some of this, but what are your thoughts on the ice rink situation here in town or about the possibility of starting a gymnastics program?

I don't know exactly what's going on with the hockey situation but I have spent some time thinking about it wondering what the next steps are and what I need to do to help the situation. I will spend some time with Ed (Harrison) during the transition process just to figure out what's been examined, what's been done, what's the problem and if there's other places or options.

The gymnastics piece, and hockey and things like that, I think are things that I need to observe and get into communication with the people involved. I have read about it, but at least in my experience, parents do come and talk to me when they want something changed, but there's a whole list of things that need to be done before something like (adding a program) gets done. I do think that kids should be

able to have the things that they are interested in, but there's a process. It's just something that I would need to observe and figure out.

**How do you evaluate coaches?**

I'm a firm believer in having a process. Ultimately it's a lot of work, but having pre-season goals are really important for coaches to have. Something needs to be worked for during your season.

The Athletic Director should be present at your games and practices couple of times during the season. Then you can have a formal evaluation at the end of the season. I also really think that coaches should have their own self evaluation. They should be able to examine their season. It's not easy to have a long season. I think that all coaches need to take the time to think about what happened, what we can fix, were you able to match up what you had listed with your pre-season goals? If things didn't, then what can we do?

Some people will disagree with me on this, but I think parent and student-athlete feedback is very important. The kids are the ones who are there everyday and the parents are the ones who are with the kids everyday, and yes, not all of them will be productive, but you can weed through and figure out the ones who are there for the right reasons and which ones are not. I don't think that happens enough.

I talk a lot about student-athletes having a voice. I haven't been able to change the evaluation process yet at Weymouth, but that's something that I'm hoping I can pass on to whoever is coming in. Those are the kinds of things that I want to hit when it comes to coaches evaluations. Obviously you have to get things approved by the school committee and the principal, but there should be some self reflection and feedback.

**When you evaluate coaches, are X's and O's an important factor? After games, do you like to talk X's and O's with coaches?**

I don't consider myself to be that type of an athletic director. Coaches coach their own programs and the reason why you have them on staff is because they know what they are doing. We know that there's always situations where a program may not have the best coach, but in my opinion as long as coaches are doing what they are supposed to be doing, in regards to making kids better people, help them understand what it is to be part of a team, how to deal with adversity, then the X's and O's are not my concerns.

Obviously winning is important, but it's not the ultimate goal when it comes to high school athletics. Unless a coach wants to come to me and talk about (strategies), I don't ever visualize myself questioning something they do in a situation when it comes to X's and O's.

If it's behavior, that's different. If there's a situation that comes down to behavior between a coach and a kid or just a kid or something like that, then that's where I would interject myself.

I feel that coaches should own their programs. As a

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# Q&A with newly named WHS Athletic Director Mia Muzio

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former coach, I think that's important. If you have someone questioning what you are doing on a regular basis about the actual technicality of that particular sport, it tends to be a case of undermining. As long as coaches are doing the right thing and they are following the guidelines that we set out as a school, then they'll get all of the support that they need from me. I think if coaches do those things, that will evolve into winning.

**Have you hired coaches during your tenure at Weymouth?**

Yes, I hired the girls basketball coach. He is a physical education teacher at the high school and used to be the boys basketball head coach about ten years ago. I also hired a new varsity softball coach, and then we added some subvarsity coaches. We're also in the process of adding a new varsity field hockey coach.

**Sportsmanship has been stressed so much the last few years with high school athletics, have you had any problems with that at Weymouth?**

We did have an occasion where there was some unsportsmanlike behavior and it had to be dealt with and things need to be the same across the board between the coaching staff, the athletic director and the student-athletes so ultimately sportsmanship is the number one priority. I don't always talk about winning, but you need to behave like an adult and as long as everyone is holding everyone to that same expectation, students and coaches alike, then we won't have a lot of issues.

**What's your thought on becoming the first (official) female Athletic Director in WHS history?**

I think it's a great challenge. Often times, the common perception is that you need to be a male to be an athletic director, but luckily perception is changing across the nation. As long as you are knowledgeable, you are into it for the right reasons, you know athletics, you know about high school athletics, then I don't see a reason why a female shouldn't be able to be in that position. It's a lot more work and it's a lot more convincing of people that you know what you are talking about, but as soon as you do, you are immediately put on the same platform as other AD's.

When you walk into a room and you're the only female, yeah it can be a little intimidat-

ing, but I have had good people in my life like (former Rockport Athletic Director and Field Hockey coach) Mary Ryan, who has always told me head high and shoulders back and that's how I carry myself. That comes with a lot of learning because I don't think I would be as confident if I was trying to fake it. Sometimes you do because you come across situations that you have never dealt with before and you think 'what did I get myself into?' but you have to go with your gut and trust your instincts and education. As long as you have good people in your life, who help you learn -- and I did when I was a coach -- then you feel confident in handling all situations that come your way. Without a doubt, Mary is probably the reason why I am here right now.

**Besides work, what else can you tell the Wilmington Community about yourself?**

I live in Gloucester with my boyfriend and our dog 'Capone'. Originally I was born in Vermont so I have family up there so I go up there quite a bit.

I have a brother on my Mom's side and he is in Idaho right now snowboarding and he works at a ski area, living his life and he is loving it. He is 24. I have another brother from Rockport and he went to St. John's Prep and he plays baseball at Belmont-Abbey (College) in North Carolina and he is 20.

My dad played baseball at Boston University. My mom was a field hockey player but also a musician so she kind of left the athletic world. My dad's side of the family all played sports so athletics is a huge part of our family. Not everyone went on to continue to play after high school, but athletics helped us build a foundation for our lives. My dad drives it in my head every single day that sports is much more than just sports. That's a big part of my philosophy when it comes to myself being an athletic director, that there are bigger and better things in life. Other than that, I'm a workaholic and I enjoy it.

I do know that I'm really excited to get going here at Wilmington. I know there's some time before that happens. I have met Ed and Caroline (Gattuso) and she is great. She seems to know everything that is going on which is awesome. So we'll have two females running the athletic department so that should be really good.

I can't wait to get started!

## All three local cheerleading teams advance to the state meet

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The Shawsheen Tech Cheerleading team has had a great season, and it continued this past weekend when the Rams competed at the North Cheerleading Regional Championships held at Wilmington High School.

As they have done all season, the Rams responded to a big pressure moment with a big performance, finishing in third place overall in Division 3 with a score of 88.60, to narrowly edge Tewksbury (88.40) for the third spot and securing a spot in the this weekend's state championship competition.

The Rams finished behind perennial champion Dracut, who won the regional championship with 96.3 points, while second place Wilmington tallied 91.7 points.

"Dracut has won Regionals and States for the last 15 years and Wilmington came in second last fall so it is an

honor to place third behind both teams," Shawsheen first year coach Samantha Cacciola said. "Tewksbury followed in a close fourth place. All four teams had great performances."

The third place finish earned the Rams a spot in the MSAA Winter Cheerleading State Championship, which will be held this Sunday at Worcester State University. The Rams are expected to perform at approximately 3:45, and Cacciola is hoping her squad can count on the continued support they have received all season.

"We would love as much support from surrounding towns as we can get as our goal for the season is to place top three at States and qualifying for New England," Cacciola said.

If the Rams are able to secure that top three finish, they head back to Worcester State next Saturday, March 21, for the All New England Championships.

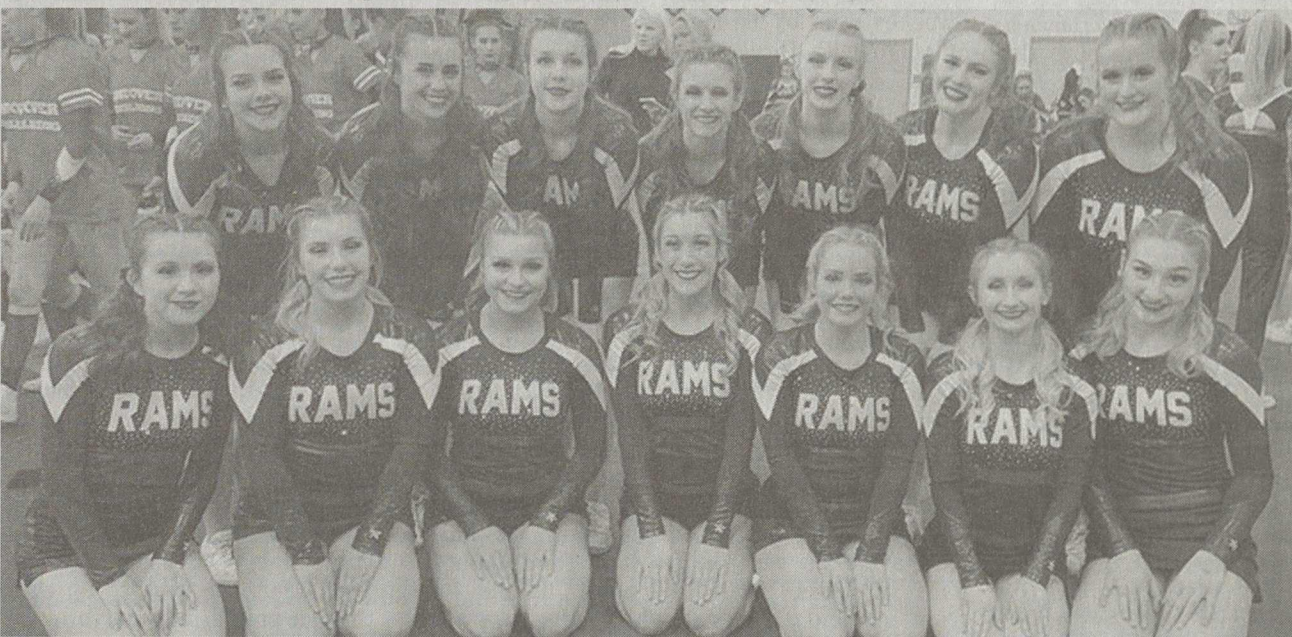
"This season has been very rewarding for both myself and all of the girls. We had a rough start but these girls pushed through all the challenges and obstacles thrown their way and all their hard work is paying off," Cacciola said. "No matter

what happens this weekend these girls should be very proud of themselves and all the work they have put in since August, 2019. As a first year Varsity Head Coach I could not have asked for a better group of girls to share this experience with. I am a

very lucky coach and am very proud each and every week."

The members of the Shawsheen Cheerleading squad are Maddy Allen, Haley Andon, Raeanna Dallaine-Boogaard, Hailey Donovan, Bianca Garofalo, Jade Kim, Tori

Jensen, Teagan MacDonald, Alanna MacMillan, Paige Mercier, Jenna Parker, Ella Reardon, Emmalee Sansoucie and Jessica Saunders.



The Shawsheen Tech Cheerleading team finished third at this Sunday's North Sectional competition, advancing the team to the state meet this upcoming weekend. The team includes top row from left, Haley Andon, Maddy Allen, Paige Mercier, Raeanna Dallaine-Boogaard, Emmalee Sansoucie, Ella Reardon and Jenna Parker; and bottom row from left, Jade Kim, Teagan MacDonald, Jessica Saunders, Tori Jensen, Alanna MacMillan, Hailey Donovan and Bianca Garofalo. (courtesy photo).



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Somerville's Jill Hutchinson (21) and Wilmington's Jenna Tavanese (2) battle for a loose ball during the first round state tournament game held several weeks ago. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

## Robinson deserves so much credit for terrific three-year run

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LAWRENCE - After the 2016-'17 season had ended, the Wilmington High School girls' basketball program was looking for a new coach. The program was in a bit of an inconsistent funk, coming off an 11-10 season and first round state tournament loss and had made two state tournament appearances in four years, after making it eight straight years prior to that.

They needed someone to come in and build the program back up, and back to a model of consistency. Like all programs, you need a strong coach who is organized, prepared, stresses fundamentals with X's and O's, and more importantly knows how to develop student-athletes.

At the time of the opening, 14 people applied for the position and the one who came away with it was Jessica Robinson, who at the time was 34 and was in her second year as a school teacher at the high school. She had ten years of coaching experience under her belt, rebuilding a high school program in Florida and then spending the five years after that as an assistant at Anna Maria College in Worcester, also being a major part of that rebuilding process.

Robinson inherited a Wilmington team that had nine returning players and immediately was successful, improving the win total to 15 and advancing to the sectional semifinals for the first time since the 2013 season.

After losing those nine players, last year's team finished 13-9 and advanced to the Division 2 North Sectional Quarterfinals.

Then after losing some talent off that club, this year's team started off 0-3, yet responded by winning 17 of their next 20 games, including winning the third league title in the program's history, the others being 1965 and 2012.

The Wildcats went on to lose to the defending Division 2 state champions of Pentucket Regional for the second straight year coming last Wednesday night at Lawrence High School by a score of 45-37.

That loss came after losing to them in the St. Mary's of Lynn tournament, which was held right before the playoffs began. Two of those three losses came against Pentucket and the other came against Woburn, a team that enjoyed a deep run themselves in the Division 1 North bracket.

In three years, Robinson has a combined record of 45-23, has made three state tournament appearances with a 5-3 record and has led the team to a league title. She has done an absolutely incredible job as the coach in these three seasons. Over that time, there's a long list of student-athletes who have improved drastically under her guidance, whether it's been Bella Granara, Olivia Almeida or Alyssa Morrison, or the players who have gone off to college including Caroline Andersen, Morgan Bresnahan and future college players including Almeida and Jenna Tavanese, both seniors, and junior Kylie DuCharme.

Both Tavanese and DuCharme were a dynamic 1-2 punch these past two seasons. Tavanese really emerged as a more rounded and consistent player. She was absolutely tremendous defensively, could really handle the ball and could also bury the outside shot.

DuCharme, who is on course to break both 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds next year and if she does that will go down as one of the all-time greats.

The two of them were once again the team's top two scorers in the exciting state tournament loss to Pentucket. Wilmington trailed 28-9 at halftime, were out of sorts at both ends of the court, mainly because DuCharme and fellow starter Jenna Sweeney were in foul trouble and the 'Cats just never got into any kind of rhythm in the first half.

In the second half, that all changed. DuCharme was absolutely tremendous. She scored 13 points in the final two quarters, while picking up her fourth foul with 33 seconds left in the third quarter. She played the next 8:33 without getting the fifth foul, all the while, helping the 'Cats erase a 19-point halftime deficit to three with 5:15 left in the game before the Sachems sealed the win down the stretch with some free throws.

On top of her performance, Wilmington was exceptional on the defensive end, holding the Sachems to five free throws in the third quarter and then three more to start the fourth quarter before they finally converted a field goal coming with 4:54 left in the game. They added their second field goal of the second half with 3:20 left.

Wilmington went from giving up 28 first half points on nine field goals to 17 points on two field goals in the second half. The Wildcats also held sharp-shooter Angela Hurley to just one field goal all night. Pentucket head coach John McNamara, a former outstanding player at Tewksbury, is considered one of the best high school coaches in the state and he was asked about the comeback made in the second half by the Wildcats.

"They had their better players back on the court. I think it was a little desperation (on their part) and they came at us," he said. "They knocked down a few shots and we were back on our heels. We then hit some big shots to get the lead back to seven or eight (late in the fourth quarter) and things settled a bit and it then became a game of foul shots and we made some of ours. But we rushed shots and hit the panic button several times."

"They are a good team. Those two players (Tavanese and DuCharme) are dynamite players. They are two of the better players that we have seen this year, and facing them and their team was tough. We knew that they were going to make a run. I didn't think they were going to make that much of a run but they did and that's a tribute to them and their coach."

Certainly having the two star players back on the court played a significant role, but the adjustments that Robinson made at halftime became crucial as well. Defensively, the team got back to applying pressure to force a number of turnovers, and offensively, the team did a much better job moving the ball around, passing and cutting, and their shot selections was drastically better.

The 'Cats lost this game but played their absolute hearts out. They played for each other and they truly were a team. The intensity on the court, not only on this night, but in the three years, was something the program was lacking. That intensity is one of the biggest reasons why this program has averaged 15 wins a season over three years.

The amazing part of that is the Wildcats started off 0-3 on the season and ended up winning 17 of their next 20 games to finish 17-6 overall. Several

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### Wildcats end magical season with 17-6 record

## Big second half push falls just short

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LAWRENCE - With the team's biggest star in foul trouble, and facing a 19-point halftime deficit to the defending state champions, it would have been very easy for the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team to have congratulated themselves on a great season and coasted through the second half during last Wednesday night's semifinals of the Division 2 North Sectional Tournament against Pentucket Regional at Lawrence High School.

But instead, the Wildcats, led by junior center Kylie DuCharme, who overcame that first half foul trouble, fought back to give the Sachems the biggest scare they have had in two years of post season play.

Wilmington closed to within three points on two separate occasions in the second half, while limiting Pentucket to two field goals in the entire half, before finally coming up short by a final score of 45-37.

While the comeback bid may have fallen short, the effort by the Wildcats epitomized what they have stood for all year long, rebounding from an 0-3 start to win the Middlesex League Freedom Division and advance Wednesday's sectional semifinals.

"We were down by 19 at halftime and held them to just two field goals in the entire second half," Wilmington coach Jessica Robinson said. "They just hit their free throws. There's nothing that I would have changed about how we played that second half. I wish we could've gotten back a little bit of the first half and we would've had a different ballgame. We went out and executed our defensive game plan for the most part, but we just put ourselves into too much of a hole."

With the loss, the No. 4 Wildcats ended their fantastic season with a record of 17-6, while No. 2 Pentucket improved to 22-2 and advanced to the sectional finals on Saturday at the Tsongas Center, where they were eliminated by North Reading.

DuCharme led the way for the Wildcats, overcoming three first half fouls to score a team high 15 points, while adding 13 rebounds. Meanwhile senior guard Jenna Tavanese had nine points and four assists, and fellow senior Olivia Almeida chipped in six points while also having a monster night on the boards with 15 rebounds.

Wilmington trailed just 12-8 after the first quarter, but were outscored by Pentucket 16-1 in the second quarter, putting them in a 28-9 hole at the break. Making matters worse,

both DuCharme and fellow starter Jenna Sweeney went to the locker room with three fouls each.

With DuCharme forced to the bench for much of the second quarter, the Wildcats simply had no answer for the hot shooting Sachems, and they were unable to get into any offensive rhythm of their own.

It was a different story for Wilmington in the second half, particularly in the third quarter, where they outscored the Sachems by a 17-5 margin, led by nine points from DuCharme as well as a pair of three pointers from Almeida. Overall, they limited Pentucket to two field goals in the second half, but the Sachems knocked down their free throws and did just enough to hold for the victory.

The Wildcats started their comeback almost immediately in the second half, with DuCharme notching a basket just 15 seconds in. Back to back three pointers by Almeida and DuCharme, along with another trey by Almeida off of an assist from DuCharme suddenly had the Wildcats within 31-22 with 4:17 left in the third quarter, forcing Pentucket to call a timeout.

The timeout, however, did not stop the Wildcats momentum. A great drive to the hoop for a basket by Sweeney with 2:04 left and another great drive and layup by DuCharme with 1:24 left pulled the Wildcats to within 31-26, and suddenly, the insurmountable deficit they had faced at the half no longer seemed so insurmountable.

Wilmington trailed 33-26 at the end of the quarter, holding Pentucket without a field goal for the entire eight minutes, and they continued to hold the Sachems scoreless from the field early in the fourth quarter on their way to pulling within 35-32 when DuCharme scored off of a nice pass from Sweeney. Senior Alyssa Morrison also had a pair of big baskets for the Wildcats during the early fourth quarter stretch, coming off the bench to give her team a spark.

The contributions of Morrison and Almeida did not go unnoticed by Robinson, particularly the job that Almeida did on the boards with her 15 rebounds, which were vital with DuCharme in foul trouble.

"Alyssa hit a couple of big shots and Liv hit some big shots," Robinson said. "We run a short bench, but I thought people stepped up. (Almeida) crushed it on the boards. I thought part of their game plan would be to keep a body on Kylie an limit her rebounding, but Liv stepped up big time and

grabbed some crucial boards for us."

The Wildcats were still within 36-33 after a Tavanese free throw with 5:13 left, but at that point the foul trouble came back to haunt the Wildcats during a one minute sequence which may have changed the game.

First, with the Wildcats still trailing on 38-33 with 4:26 left, Sweeney picked up her fifth foul to foul out of the game. On the ensuing free throw attempt, the Pentucket shooter missed the second shot, but with DuCharme, who had four fouls at that point, unable to aggressively go after the rebound, the Sachems grabbed it and eventually scored again to extend their lead to 41-33 with 3:50 left.

The Wildcats continued to battle, however, scoring the next four points on a pair of Tavanese free throws with 3:04 left and a basket by DuCharme after taking a rebound and going end to end with 1:30 left close within 41-37, but they were unable to get any closer, and saw their tremendous season come to an end.

While they fell short of their ultimate goal, Robinson couldn't help but take pride in the season she and her team had been through together, and particularly what her five seniors have meant to the program. Tavanese of course will go down as one of the best ever to play at Wilmington High, finishing with 941 career points, being denied 1,000 points only due to missing some games due to injury during her sophomore season, as well as a couple of games this season. But she has not been alone. Almeida has steadily improved throughout her career to the point where she became a captain and a star this season, knocking down several clutch

three pointers throughout the season, including a dagger against Dracut in the sectional quarterfinals. Wingate does not appear very often on the score sheet, but she has improved enough in her "second sport" (with soccer being the first) to earn her way into the starting lineup and do all of the little things that make a team successful.

Madison Grace and Alyssa Morrison meanwhile, were key cogs in the Wildcats success this season, giving the team big minutes off the bench, including in Wednesday night's loss when Morrison stepped up with a pair of big fourth quarter baskets.

"I am so proud of how these girls overcame that adversity after the first three games and they came together and fought for each other," Robinson said. "I mean, we ended the season 17-6, which is amazing after an 0-3 start. The senior class has left such an impact on not only the school, but the girls basketball program. We are going to miss them."

On the other hand, while the seniors will be sorely missed, the future also looks bright for the Wildcats, with several key players, including Sweeney and DuCharme returning to the team next season. DuCharme will likely break the 1,000 barrier in both points and rebounds for her career early next season, as she closed out this season with totals of 845 points and 870 rebounds. She also finished this season, ranked 10th nationally in rebounds with 18.4 per game.

Other returning players for the Wildcats next season will include freshman Jessica Collins, sophomores Olivia Spizuoco and Rita Roche and juniors Kiara Nadeau and Kayla Smith.



In her three years as head coach, Jessica Robinson has guided the WHS Girls Basketball team to 45 wins, three state tournament appearances, two sectional semi-final appearances and a league title.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).



# Five local players help Austin Prep get back to the state final

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WOBURN -- A year ago this week, a top-seeded Austin Prep girl's hockey team walked into Woburn's O'Brien Rink for the MIAA Division 1 semifinals armed with a perfect 23-0 record and extended that historic win streak by dispatching Andover, 3-1, to earn a trip to the finals.

The Cougars later met their match at the Boston Garden, however, falling to Tewksbury-Methuen in double overtime, 2-1.

After Monday night's come-from-behind 2-1 win over the Braintree Wamps, No. 2 Austin Prep will be returning to the Division 1 state finals on Sunday to face Woburn at the TD Garden with a 9:00 am scheduled drop of the puck.

"We knew this was going to be one of the toughest opponents that we've seen all year," said Austin Prep coach Stephanie Wood. "This was a big hurdle. We knew this game was going to come down to the wire. I'm extremely proud of our kids, down a goal but battling back in the third

period."

There's five local players on this year's Austin Prep team including senior captain Felicia Zuccola of Wilmington, assistant captain Eryn Taber of Tewksbury, both defensemen, junior forward Allie Martinson of Wilmington, sophomore forward Emma Spengler of Tewksbury and starting goalie, Lauryn Hanafin, a sophomore from Wilmington.

Trailing by a goal with just over 10-minutes remaining, Austin Prep sophomore Isabel Hulse redirected a feed from Monique Lyons to knot the score. Hulse caught Braintree goalie Ellie Foley out of position, attempting to cut down the angle on the Lyons pass.

With 1:42 left to play, Sabina Axelrod got a piece of Francesca Frelík's rocket from the right point, deflecting it past a stunned Foley for what proved to be the winner.

"I couldn't happier for Frankie Frelík, our senior captain and five-year member of our team, to contribute to that game-

winning goal at the end" said Wood, who also defeated Braintree in last season's quarterfinals. "And every year, our program has been very fortunate to have a strong goalie in net. She has gotten stronger as the year has gone on and become more of a veteran. She was unbelievable."

Wood was referring to sophomore netminder Lauryn Hanafin, who made 26-stops in the effort and was especially brilliant down the stretch when the suddenly desperate Wamps threw everything at her. Hanafin stared down a half-dozen bids when Braintree pulled Foley for an extra attacker.

After handing down earlier playoff defeats to No. 31 Franklin, No. 15 Andover, and No. 7 Belmont, the Cougars looked a little worse for wear at the outset and soon fell behind on a goal from Wamps co-captain Ally DeCoste, who had ample room to roam during a 4-on-4.

"Braintree is big and physical with a lot of seniors on their team," said Wood. "I thought we had



Allie Martinson of Wilmington controls the puck for the Cougars during Sunday's win over Braintree held at the O'Brien Rink. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

to do a better job chipping the puck deep, getting around their defense, and winning the one-on-one battles in the corners."

Outshot 10-3 in the first period, the Cougars had difficulty containing several of the Braintree forwards, including Abbey Holland, who was a menace on the left wing. The senior forward accounted for four of those early shots, all labeled. But Hanafin was equal to the task and kept the Wamps in check. Austin Prep, meanwhile, couldn't buy a bounce. Frelík hit a post and that was the closest the Cougars came to generating offense. But after the break, there was a decided momentum shift.

"We have a half-and-half mixture of upper classmen and young kids and it was tough in the beginning," said Wood. "But, yes, in the second period, I thought we really turned it on, especially toward the end. We started to have more zone presence and get pucks to the net."

Austin Prep carried the play the play through a scoreless second and continued the trend into the third when their efforts finally yielded dividends. Hulse's game-tying goal sent the predominately AP audience into a frenzy and after Axelrod put her team in front, the standing room-only crowd erupted in celebration.

"We've been waiting a full year to get back to this position," said Wood. "Before we hit the ice for the third period, we decided this wasn't going to be

our last game. We were going to do whatever it took to win."

## Tenth Annual 'Girls Night Out', set for March 22

Sunday, March 22nd, marks the 10th Annual Girls Night Out, a joint partnership between Wilmington Youth Soccer Association and the Wilmington High School girls soccer program. GNO is an event dedicated exclusively to the young girls in our community and their parents.

From the very beginning, GNO has partnered with college and professional teams to introduce an upline to our young players through fun games, raffles and Q&A. GNO typically has a turnout of approximately 50 young girls age 5-12 and has featured coaches and players from the Boston Breakers, Merrimack College, Boston University and Salem State University.

Each year the event endeavors to connect with the community. For example, two years ago GNO featured a juggling challenge to benefit Ashley Baird, a young female player from

Weston who was diagnosed with cancer. This year, the Bentley University Women's Soccer Team will be featured guests for the event alongside some of this year's WHS girls soccer team and proceeds from the event will go to Hope & Friendship Metastatic Breast Cancer Foundation. In honor of the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan the theme for this year's event will be Red, White & Blue!

The event will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2020 inside the Wilmington High School gym from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. The fee is \$10 per player and pre-registration is required: <https://reg.sportspilot.com/100011/leagues?search=WYSA> Girls Night Out - March 2020.

For questions and information, please contact Sean Broussard at Wilmington Youth Soccer Association: [sbroussard@eatonvance.com](mailto:sbroussard@eatonvance.com).

## Robinson deserves so much credit

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weeks ago, Robinson was asked about the slow start and she admitted that one reason was she tried to do too much, too early and it didn't work. Certainly a response like that is refreshing and also extremely admirable, knowing that there's no ego here. Rather it's just let's play basketball to the best of our capabilities.

That has happened over the course of the three years with Robinson behind the bench. When asked about that success, she wanted nothing to do with taking any credit for

it, including being in the final-four of the North Section for the second time in three years.

"I have nothing to do with it," she said. "The girls buy in and work hard. They are the ones who deserve it because they got here two of the three years."

The players "buy in" because they have a coach who is all for the student-athletes. They have a coach who has proven three times now that she can rebuild a program. They have a coach who has proven that she can

run a consistent and successful program year in and year out. They have a coach who "gets it," and sometimes those coaches are few and far between.

"I am so proud of them, especially with how the girls overcame that adversity, losing the first three games. They came together and they fought for each other," she said. "We ended the season at 17-6, after starting out 0-3. This senior class has left such an impact on not only the school, but the girls basketball program."

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# Gake, relay team, heading to Nationals

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Senior co-captain Julia Gake and the Tufts University women's indoor track & field team's distance medley relay (DMR) improved its season-best time on Saturday at the Tufts National Qualifying Meet held at the Gantcher Center.

Tufts' foursome of Gake, sophomore Tara Lowensohn, sophomore Hannah Neilon and senior co-captain Rhemi Toth put together an 11:54.85 time on Saturday that was tied for the #6 national ranking

now a four-time national qualifier overall. The other five Jumbos are taking their first NCAA trips. The DMR will close Friday's racing with a 7:10 pm start time.

The seven Jumbo qualifiers are the most sent to an indoor national championship meet since 2011.

## BASKETBALL

A historic season for the Haverford Women's Basketball team (23-5) came to a close in the NCAA Tournament First Round on Friday night, as the Fords fell to host No. 9 Baldwin Wallace (27-2) by a final score of 67-42 at

saw action in 26 games and averaged 4.2 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game. Her best game of the year may have come in the in the Commonwealth Coast Conference semifinals where she had a team high 12 rebounds in helping to lead the Gulls to a 60-54 victory over Roger Williams.

With the victory, the Captains (25-4) will play the winner of Texas-Dallas and Mary Hardin-Baylor on Friday, March 13 (time and place TBD) in the next round of the NCAA Tournament.

Meanwhile, Endicott's



Shawsheen's Sean Murphy (1) and Chance Fitzgerald bookend Cambridge's Graham Quigley during the game at Chelmsford. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Falcons erupt for nine goals to eliminate Rams from D3 playoffs

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CHELMSFORD - After a season filled with countless great moments including a third straight Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship and a spot in the state vocational championship game, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team saw their season come to a tough ending last Thursday night as the Rams suffered a 9-4 loss to Cambridge in the semifinals of the MIAA Division 3 North semifinals at the Chelmsford Forum.

The Rams trailed 2-0 at the end of the first period and saw the deficit grow to 4-0 early in the second period as the powerful Cambridge offense simply overwhelmed the Rams. Shawsheen showed plenty of fight in this one despite the final score, closing to within 4-2 midway through the second period. But a four goal outburst by Cambridge, including three in the span of 51 seconds, put Shawsheen into an 8-2 hole at the end of two periods.

"We didn't have a great start and we didn't have the start that we talked about having," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "I had talked with the coaches all week and said if we go down early, we are going to have a battle and that is what it turned into. They battled back to make it 4-2, and then it just got away from us."

"But I was happy with them, I was proud of them in the third period. We actually did more of the game plan in the third period than we did the whole first two periods. I am happy with them. It stinks for the seniors, but it all comes to an end eventually. Either you win a state title, or you lose a state title or you lose somewhere along the way."

Shawsheen junior forward Anthony Papa scored a pair of goals for the No. 3 seeded Rams, while senior forwards JJ Thibert of Wilmington and Nate Silva of Tewksbury each added solo tallies, but it was not nearly enough to overcome the high-powered No. 2 seed Falcons who got a pair of goals from senior Thomas McGaffigan and 23 saves from goalie Lukas Foley-Fiore in the win.

With the loss, the Rams ended their season with an overall record of 14-7-1,

including an 8-1-1 mark in the CAC, while Cambridge improved to 15-2-4 and advanced to the sectional finals where they were eliminated by defending sectional champion Lowell on Sunday.

In the moments after the loss, Baker was able to reflect back on what was a very memorable and successful season for his team.

"Overall, I am happy with the season and I thought we did a lot, considering the injuries and sicknesses that we had," Baker said. "We got hammered early on. Some kids missed three quarters of the season, and some kids half the season, kids that I was depending on from day one. So, we never really truly got rolling completely where I pictured us, but overall I am happy with it."

Cambridge jumped on top of the Rams early in this one, with Connor Purcell scoring on a power play goal just 1:19 into contest, putting a rebound into a wide open Shawsheen net, and Paul Magalhaes made it 2-0 just 4:06 into the game when he and McGaffigan converted on a perfectly executed 2-on-1.

Shawsheen senior goalie Kam Neault (30 saves) of Tewksbury kept the Rams in the game for the rest of the frame, making 14 first period saves to keep the score at 2-0 at the end of one, but Cambridge extended their lead early in the second period on goals by McGaffigan just 20 seconds in, and Anthony Caterina at the 2:47 mark.

Shawsheen fought back, however, scoring two straight to pull within 4-2. Thibert got it started with a power play goal 5:14 into the period and Papa followed with his first of the game on a shorthanded tally off of a nice give and go from Silva to make it 4-2 with 8:01 left in the period.

But that was as good as it would get for the Rams, as McGaffigan responded with a goal just 48 seconds later to make it 5-2 and the Falcons would later score three goals in a 51-second span to turn the game into a blowout before the start of the third period.

"They are a good team. I was telling my coaches, that to win we were going to have to outscore them. We knew they were going to put numbers up, and we

were going have to put up more than them. And they put numbers up," Baker said. "They have a lot of offensive power, and we gave them too many free shots where we weren't contesting and if you are not going to contest a kid that knows how to score goals, they are going to put them in the back of the net."

The Rams got goals from Papa and senior Brady McFadden of Tewksbury in the third period, sandwiched around a Falcons goal. While Baker was certainly happy with the season overall, he would have liked to have seen his team play better in this one with their season on the line.

"They didn't play like I have seen them play, and in a game like this, you can't come out and play that way," Baker said. "You either have to play it at your best level or you are going to go home and that is what happened tonight."

But looking back on the season, it is not one less than stellar effort that Baker will focus on, but rather the great effort put forth by his players even while battling numerous injuries. He especially appreciated the efforts of senior captain Dan McGaffigan of Wilmington, along with assistants Brady McFadden and Nate Silva of Tewksbury.

"Our three captains are three of the best captains I have ever had, particularly Dan McGaffigan, who by far went above and beyond what any captain has done for me. As a player as well as off the ice, he is a player I know will be around a lot, because he is just that type of kid who cares about the program," Baker said. "And the other two kids were great as well, and the other seniors were all great kids."

"It's funny because there are so many different personalities, but they all seem to get along, which is great. I just want them to leave here with a great experience, and want to come back to this and always support Shawsheen. At the end of the day, they are probably going to go to work, and I just want them to want to do that and to have a good work ethic and that's what this group is going to do because it is a great group of kids."



The Tufts University Women's Distance Medley Relay team will be going to the Nationals. The group includes from left, Tara Lowensohn, Rhemi Toth, Julia Gake of Wilmington and Hannah Neilon. (courtesy photo).

as of 7:00 pm Saturday night. It was nearly 20 seconds faster than Tufts' previous best DMR of the season, a 12:13.13 that was #12 in Division III entering the weekend. The ranking has since moved to No. 8 nationally.

Gake lowered her nationally-ranked time in the 400 meters to 58.81, which was better than her 58.88 (converted) previous mark.

Gake, along with Toth, Lowensohn, Neilon, sophomore Danielle Page and freshmen Jaydin Appel and Lia Rotti will represent Tufts at the 2020 NCAA Division III Championships in Winston-Salem, North Carolina next weekend (Mar. 13-14).

The seven Jumbo qualifiers will compete in five events for head coach Kristen Morwick's team at the national championships, which will be held at the JDL Fast Track. Page will run in the 5,000 meters, Appel is in the high jump, Rotti will do both the long jump and triple jump and Lowensohn, Gake, Neilon and Toth make up the distance medley relay (DMR) foursome.

Toth and Gake are returning to NCAA competition. They were both a part of the Tufts DMR that was 10th at the 2018 indoor meet. Toth is the only Jumbo All-American entering the meet as she was seventh in the mile indoors last year. She's

Ursprung Gymnasium in Berea, Ohio.

The loss marked the end of a very successful season for Fords sophomore center Caroline Andersen of Wilmington, who saw seven minutes of action in the season finale. Andersen closed out her sophomore season having seen action in 28 games for the Centennial Conference champion Fords, averaging 3.2 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

The thrilling 2019-20 campaign is now concluded as the Fords again put together one of the most exhilarating and memorable seasons in program history. The run included a dominant regular season that featured 18 conference wins and an 11-game win streak, as well as a postseason journey that culminated in a third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance and a second straight Centennial Conference title.

The Endicott women's basketball team fell to No. 20/24 nationally ranked Christopher Newport, 74-71, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, hosted by the University of Scranton, on Saturday night at the John Long Center.

Endicott sophomore center Morgan Bresnahan of Wilmington had two points for the Gulls in the loss, closing out a sophomore season where she

historic season, which included capturing its first-ever conference title, making its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, and securing its first-ever NCAA Tournament win, comes to a close at 19-11 overall.

Saturday's game was one for the ages as it featured 20 lead changes and 12 ties along the way.

The night before the loss to Christopher Newport, the Bresnahan and the Gulls had stunned No. 12 ranked Scranton, 65-56, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday night at the John Long Center. With that win, Endicott secured its first-ever victory over a nationally ranked opponent (based upon available data) and its first-ever win in the NCAA Tournament (first-ever appearance).

The win was truly monumental for the Gulls, as Scranton entered the 2019-20 season fresh off an NCAA Tournament Final Four appearance from a year ago that saw them return three out of their top-five scorers and four starters from that squad into the fold this year. This was Scranton's 33rd NCAA Tournament appearance in program history, which includes nine Final Four appearances, one NCAA national championship (1985), and an overall record of 66-36.

## Tenth and final Kim Forte Memorial 5K Event, April 26

WILMINGTON, MA - On April 26, 2020 at 11am, We're One Wilmington (WOW) will host its 10th and final 5K Run for Wilmington / Kim Forte walk. Participants will gather at the Wilmington Town Common one last time to celebrate both the life of Kim Forte and the amazing spirit of the Wilmington community. This event is fun for the whole family - whether participating or spectating - come down and enjoy the music, activities and cheer on our runners/walkers! Don't delay, register today!

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Reaching for the puck include from left, Shawsheen Tech's Sean Murphy, Cambridge's Chris Gould, Shawsheen's DJ Williams, and Shawsheen goalie Kam Neault. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



# Gendron makes leap to play in Hockey East

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life."

At the moment, Gendron is continuing his career with the New Jersey Junior Titans of the North American Hockey League (NAHL), and he and the Titans are in the midst of a great season. The Titans are currently in first place in the NAHL East Division with 75 points and have clinched a play-off spot. Gendron is in his second year with the Titans, having originally signed a tender contract with the team prior to the 2018-2019 season.

"I was originally supposed to sign with another team, but New Jersey gave me a call with an offer and they were closer to home than the other team, which was important to me because it meant that my mom and dad and my family could still come out to see me play," Gendron said. "They have been a first class organization. I knew the competition would be very good and it has been."

The competition has indeed been very good, but Gendron has been more than equal to the task, tallying 23 points (7 goals and 16 assists) last season, while he currently has 15 goals and 18 assists for 33 points in 49 games this season. Gendron is tied for first in the league with the most shorthanded points (5) and goals (4).

He was also selected to and played in the 2020 NAHL Top Prospects Tournament last month where he scored one goal in two games for the East Division.

"It's been a big step up for me, and a step I definitely needed for my hockey career," Gendron said. "When I came in, I felt like I could definitely



Wilmington resident Cam Gendron has been playing for the New Jersey Junior Titans of the NAHL, which helped him reach the next level, playing this upcoming fall season at UNH. (courtesy photo).

score some goals, but they helped me work on things that I didn't always work on before and become a much better player."

With a career in the Hockey East ahead of him, Gendron knows he will need to be prepared to take his game to an even higher level, and he feels that the NAHL has certainly helped him do that.

"Absolutely, it will help me. I know junior hockey is not college hockey, but it has definitely prepared me," Gendron said. "I know it is going to be a physical game and that is a strong part of my game. But I also know I will have

to push myself even more to prepare for it."

Titans head coach Craig Doremus for one, certainly believes that Gendron is ready for the next step in his hockey career.

"We are so proud of Cam and happy for him and his family," Doremus told the NAHL website. "Cam is a kid who has worked tirelessly over his two years as a Titan. He has really embraced his identity and who he is as a hockey player. He has grown a tremendous amount on the ice and in the dressing room. He is extremely respected amongst his peers and will do anything

it takes to win a hockey game.

"Cam is going to be a true asset to the UNH hockey program and student body. We greatly look forward to Cam being a huge part of our quest for the Robertson Cup."

As he looks ahead to UNH, Gendron has also had a chance to look back on his career when he was growing up and becoming the player he is today. Gendron has had many people contribute to his success, but perhaps none more so than his parents.

"My parents have been

with me through everything. I can't really express how much they have meant to me in this process," Gendron said. "They made some really huge sacrifices for me to help me play the game I love, and I can't thank them enough."

Unfortunately for Gendron, one of his biggest supporters will not be able to see him fulfill his dream of playing Division 1 college hockey. His uncle, John Galasso, passed away in September of 2017 at the age of 53 after a seven year battle

with cancer, and left a lasting impact on Gendron's life.

"He was one of my biggest supporters. He was with me from day one, and was always there for me. Every day I go out there and do it for him, and do it for my family, Gendron said. "We shared close birthdays, he was a huge fan of me and my development and was very supportive. My whole family is. My uncle and I had a very special relationship, but his personality touched many people."

Gendron will soon move on UNH will he will certainly make his uncle John and the rest of his family very proud. But before he moves on, he and his Titans teammates have some business to take care of. The NAHL regular season ends on April 4, and Gendron is hoping that will be followed by a long playoff run in pursuit of the Robertson Cup.

"I don't know what seed we will be. Hopefully we will clinch the first seed and bring the playoff games to our rink," Gendron said. "We have a really great family organization with the Titans and great fans. We want to win it for ourselves of course, but also for our fans."

"I am super excited to get started at UNH, but I also know I have a lot of work to do before I get there. It is a big step for me and I am really pumped for it, so I am hoping to be able to come home after winning a championship with the Titans and keep working on my skills and continue to prepare and try and win a spot in the lineup every night."

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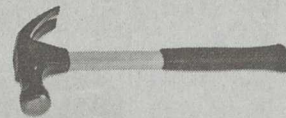
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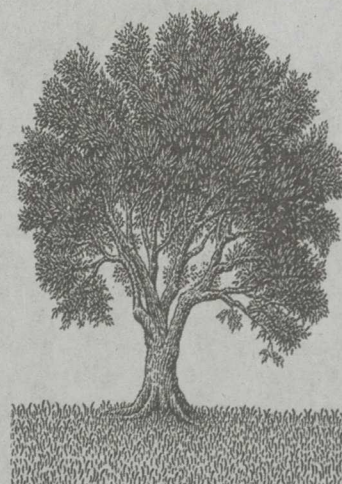
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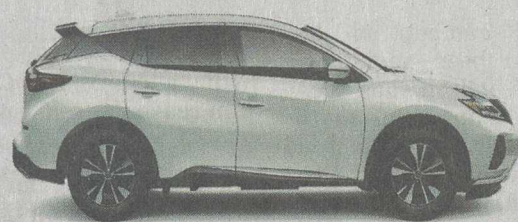
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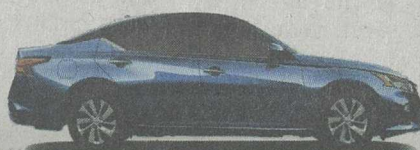
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